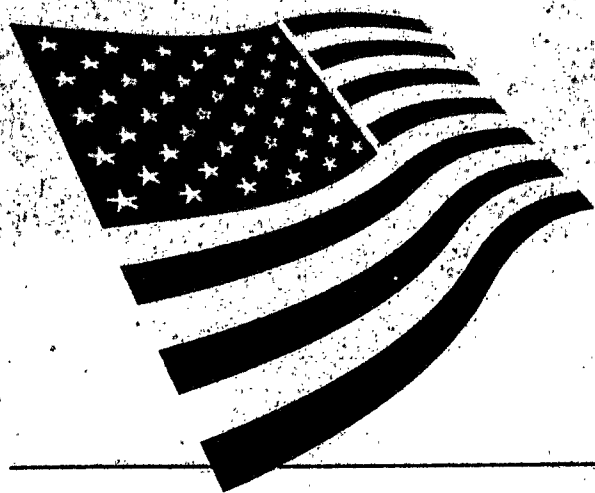


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Echo staff photos by Bennie Shallbetter

Bay St. Louis resident Carter Church who for the past 45 years has been in the business of making Mardi Gras beautiful. Below: The fun part of the job. Helper Susan Penton tries on a finished creation.

Mardi Gras means a pilgrimage to Church

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

On March 1 at Noon, the Saturday before Mardi Gras, the Krewe of Iris will roll its parade in New Orleans like it has done since 1951, says costume designer Carter Church. And the sun will no doubt be shining, as it always has for the parade.

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Legislators trying to end doc walkout 'emergency'

See a short-term fix in 2-3 weeks

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Coast legislators said yesterday they're working frantically to find a quick resolution to the state of emergency the area is facing from the physician's walkout.

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors, acting on advice from the Hancock Medical Center Board of Trustees and personnel from American Medical Response ambulance service, on Monday officially declared a state of local emergency. The Bay St. Louis City Council drafted a resolution supporting the state

of emergency on Tuesday.

The "emergency" officially started at 7 a.m. Monday, when surgeons all over Harrison and Hancock County began staging a "walkout" in response to the high cost and frequent unavailability of medical malpractice insurance.



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That unavailability will soon be exacerbated, since the Richmond, Va.-based Reciprocal of America — which insures more than 500 doctors in the state of Mississippi — is expected to go into receivership and be taken over by the

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Mother, daughter sent to Hattiesburg after crash

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

A Hancock County woman was in critical condition yesterday following a collision Tuesday evening on Hwy. 603 near Waveland that injured her and her six-year-old daughter.

Brent Wallace, media

coordinator for Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg, said yesterday afternoon that Elizabeth Antunica, 31, of Old Gainesville Rd., was listed in critical but stable condition in the hospital's intensive

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Three more qualify for county offices

Moore: Deadline for hopefuls is March 1

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A total of 31 candidates had qualified in Hancock County at the Circuit Clerk's office since January 2 for local offices by 9 a.m. on Wednesday, January 29, according to Circuit Clerk Pam Metzler.

Of the 31 to qualify thus

far, one has withdrawn.

Only three qualified since last Wednesday morning at the Circuit Clerk's office in local races. The deadline to qualify is March 1, 2003.

The two races which appear to really be heating up in Hancock County appear

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Stratton Hall, right, the director of sales for Convention and Visitors Bureau/Natchez Convention Center, speaks with Margaret Barnhart, an account representative for Coastal Living magazine, during the Governor's Conference on Tourism at Casino Magic Thursday.

Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins

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Clermont Harbor F.D. grant



Echo staff photos by Bennie Shalbetter

Clermont Harbor Volunteer Fire Department became the latest Mississippi fire district to benefit from a state mandated Fire Truck Act. A ceremony was held on Tuesday to bless the brand new fire truck that the department bought with funds available from the five year old state fund and from The United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Program. State Fire co-ordinator Larry Barr and Commissioner of Insurance George Dale presented a \$50,000 check to the district at the ceremony. Another \$90,000 in funding was provided by the USDA program. Chief Charles Jackson also presented a plaque of appreciation to Mike Willumits of Gulf Coast Fire Consultants for his help in designing the new truck as well as providing training for fire fighters to use the new equipment. Pictured are Hancock County Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar, left; Supervisor Lisa Coward; Norma Jean Soree; Ina Day; Commissioner of Insurance George Dale; Clermont Harbor Fire Chief Charles Jackson; Clyde Ladner; and Supervisor Lyonie "Jeep" Ladner.

Elections -- qualifying

to be superintendent of education and sheriff.

The Hancock County Superintendent of Education race has four candidates to qualify. Only qualified electors residing in the county school district vote in this race.

Superintendent of Education Mike Ladner is being challenged by former superintendents Terrell Randolph and Myrna Bourgeois in addition to administrator David Kopf.

Ladner, Bourgeois and Kopf are running in the Democratic primary and Randolph in the Republican primary.

The superintendent's race is interesting because Bourgeois had defeated longtime superintendent Randolph in 1991 in the Democratic primary.

In 1995 Randolph, as a Republican had defeated Donald Hillman in the general election to regain his seat as superintendent of education. Bourgeois had lost to Hillman in the primary.

In 1999, Ladner defeated Bourgeois, who served 1992-96 as superintendent in the Democratic primary. Ladner then defeated Randolph in the general election.

In the sheriff's race incumbent Steve Garber faces the challenge of five-term Sheriff Ronnie Peterson, who was edged by Garber in a close race in the 1999 Democratic primary, in addition to Bay St. Louis Chief of Detectives Thomas J. (Tom) Burleson in addition to Bay St. Louis Patrolman Richard (Rick) Fayard. Garber, Peterson and Burleson are Democrats and Fayard is a Republican.

Hancock County tax collector/assessor Jimmie Ladner, Jr. is being challenged by Lonnie A. Moore. Both are Democrats.

Incumbent supervisor of district four, Steve Seymour, thus far has Republican Bobby Glover and Democrat Wayne Whitney as challengers.

Lyonie (Jeep) Ladner, supervisor of district one is being challenged by David Yarborough.

Incumbent supervisor of district five, Jay Cuevas is being challenged by E. Marvin Thompson. Cuevas is a Democrat and Thompson is a Republican.

District one constable Phillip A. Pavolini is challenged by Terry Necaise, both are Democrats.

District three constable Eric Moran, Sr. is being challenged by Kurt A. Necaise. Moran is a Democrat and Necaise is a Republican.

The primary elections will be held on August 5,

with August 26 set as the second primary (run-off) date.

The qualifying deadline is March 1, (which was extended from February 28 recently) and that includes, candidates for primary elections in August and Independent candidates whose will be in the November general election.

The list as the local candidates qualified include:

• Pamela Thomas Metzler* - circuit clerk.

• Jimmie Ladner, Jr.* - tax-assessor/collector.

• Timothy A. (Tim) Kellar* - chancery clerk.

• Myrna L. Bourgeois* - superintendent of education.

• Steve Seymour* - board of supervisor, district four.

• Jay Cuevas* - board of supervisor, district five.

• Lyonie (Jeep) Ladner Sr.* - board of supervisor, district one.

• Roderick (Rocky) Pullman* - board of supervisor, district two.

• Steve Garber - sheriff*.

• Phillip A. Pavolini* - constable, district one.

• Lisa L. Coward** - board of supervisor, district three.

• Eric Moran, Sr.* - constable, district three.

• James A. (Jay) Lagasse, III* - justice court judge, district two.

• Ray Seal* - constable, district two.

• Ronald A. (Ronnie) Peterson* - sheriff.

• Mike Ladner* - county superintendent of education.

• Norma Stiglet* - corner (medical examiner).

• Wayne Whitney* - board of supervisor, district four.

• Bobby Glover** - board

of supervisor, district four.

• Richard (Rick) Fayard** - sheriff.

• David Yarborough* - board of supervisor, district one.

• Terrell Randolph** - county superintendent of education.

• Terry Necaise* - constable, district one.

• Ernest Taylor* - constable, district two.

• Tommy Carver, Sr.* - justice court judge, district three.

• Ricky Adam* - justice court judge, district one.

• David Kopf* - county superintendent of education.

• Thomas J. (Tom) Burleson* - sheriff.

• E. Marvin Thompson** - board of supervisor, district five.

• Kurt A. Necaise** - constable, district three.

• Lonnie A. Moore* - tax assessor/collector.

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• Eric Necaise**

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• Diane C. Peranich*

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• Scottie Cuevas*

Note: (*) denotes

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Lagasse, a former election commissioner is seeking the new Justice Court judge position in district two.

Seal and Taylor are seeking the new position of constable, district two seat.

Southern Regional trying to secure Pearlington plant

BY BENNIE SHALBETTER
Staff Writer

Proposals were made by three engineering firms to finish planning work on a package plant the will serve as an interim solution for wastewater treatment for a collection system to be built in Pearlington.

On Monday the board of Southern Regional voted to accept a proposal from Digital Engineering and Imaging Inc. of Bay St. Louis to complete the job, pending approval from member districts. The plant will precede a permanent plant to be built in the area.

In other business:

• District administrator Sheryl Colson presented a letter to the board expressing her concerns over unfinished repairs to equipment and structures added in the latest upgrade.

Colson said that vanes on a new boat clarifier were bent, and a propeller in one of the boat clarifiers was broken in half.

Also listed was a problem with the odor control units,

and concern about several leaks that have developed in the new headworks.

District engineer Duke Levy said that the contractor and a representative from United Industries, the supplier for the boat clarifiers, would be at the plant this week to make some of the needed repairs. Parts have come in for repairs to some of the equipment, Levy said. Attempts to repair leaks in the headworks have been unsuccessful so far, Levy said, but work on fixing the problem

will continue this week.

• Levy told the board that Louisiana State University was looking into a possible market for composted material in Mississippi.

The school is also in line for a grant which would use composted material in a program to restore marsh grass, he said.

The district added sludge de-watering equipment during the last upgrade and had talked about possibly initiating a composting program.

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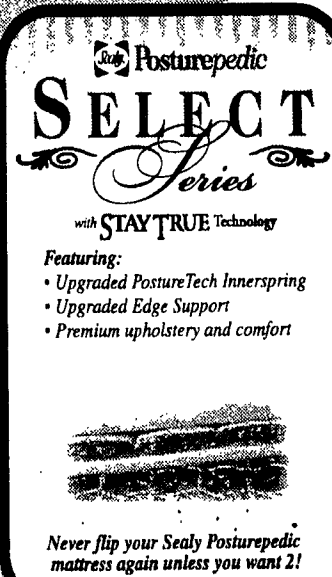
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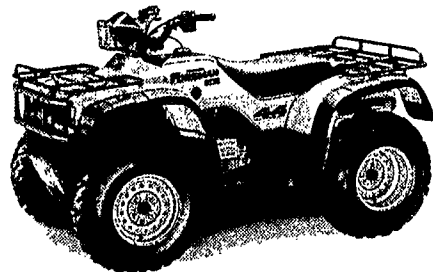
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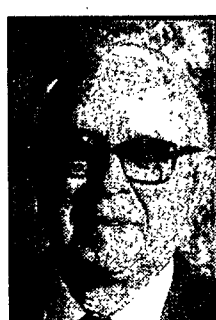
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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Chew a lot of gum to pay for that a squirrel

There were millions watching what was expected to be a very close Superbowl game on Sunday evening.

It did not turn out that way, and the Buccaneers clobbered the Raiders 48-21.

I watched about half of the game due to church services, but got to watch the first quarter where it was really close, and then the last quarter where things really fell apart for the Steelers.

It will be interesting how long Tampa Bay will remain at the top because of the balance of power in the National Football League.

The years of being dominated by such teams as the Chicago Bears, Dallas Cowboys, San Francisco Forty Niners, Green Bay Packers, Baltimore Colts, etc., are in the past.

A team can be on top one year and at or near the bottom of a league the next season.

A lot of a product has to be sold by a company to realize enough profits to afford the prices of television commercials during the Superbowl.

It is going to take a lot of gum chewing to pay for that squirrel commercial.

In normal television watching when a commercial appears, folks take a break during the period.

Some people just watch the commercials during Superbowl Games to see what product or company has the best one.

I hope you enjoyed the game in addition to the commercials.

In my tenure at The Sea Coast Echo I have seen many non-profit organizations come along, and not too many stick around for very long.

Of all the non-profits, none have had the impact on this area as has Hope Haven. I have mentioned before that I have never seen an organization receive support from such a wide range of the community.

It is interesting and deserving that last week Hope Haven in the "Salute to Business and Industry Awards" at the "Mississippi Business Expo" held in Jackson was selected as the best small non-profit in the state.

You must remember, too, that there were over 50 non-profits vying for the honors.

Hope Haven enjoys wide support from businesses, organizations, churches and individuals. The shelter has cared for over 1,500 children since its opening in 1996.

Terry Latham, executive director, staff, board of directors, and everyone involved in any way, need to be commended for the great job they do for our community.

The award received this past week is so deserving.

I am looking forward to this weekend as my St. Stanislaus high school graduating class will be celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Among the locals still around in the group are Gerald Gex, David Treutel, Sr. and myself from Bay St. Louis, Billy McDonald and Frank Wittmann from Pass Christian and Frank Noto from Gulfport.

There were 50 in our class with a few being from Mexico, Venezuela, Louisiana and other states.

It will be good to see old classmates and chat about our SSC experiences back in the 'old days.'

Don't kill the goose that laid the golden egg?

The question before the House (and the Senate, too) as lawmakers search desperately for money to adequately fund state services is:

Has the state's 12-year-old gaming industry become immune to paying more taxes under the doctrine of "Don't kill the goose that laid the golden egg?"

That doctrine is why spokesmen for the casino crowd say "don't tax me, tax that guy behind the tree" if you absolutely must put more tax money into the state's revenue stream to keep health, welfare, education and many other key services Mississippians

need from being badly hurt. Somewhat surprisingly, it wasn't until the current 2003 legislative session with the state deep in the red that lawmakers began to pay attention to raising the state's 8 percent tax on gaming revenues put on back in 1990.

With the Legislature seemingly committed to funding all education programs in one bill that will take 62 per cent of all general funds, there'll be slim pickin's left under existing taxes to fund all other government services.

Though lawmakers say not in election year, you can

bet the entire tax structure will have to be put on the table, the gaming tax among them.

Legislative sponsors of Mississippi's 1990 gaming law modeled it closely on the Nevada law, installing a free-market system of gaming licenses and intentionally keeping the state tax rate lower than up-river states in order to attract the Las Vegas industry heavy-weights.

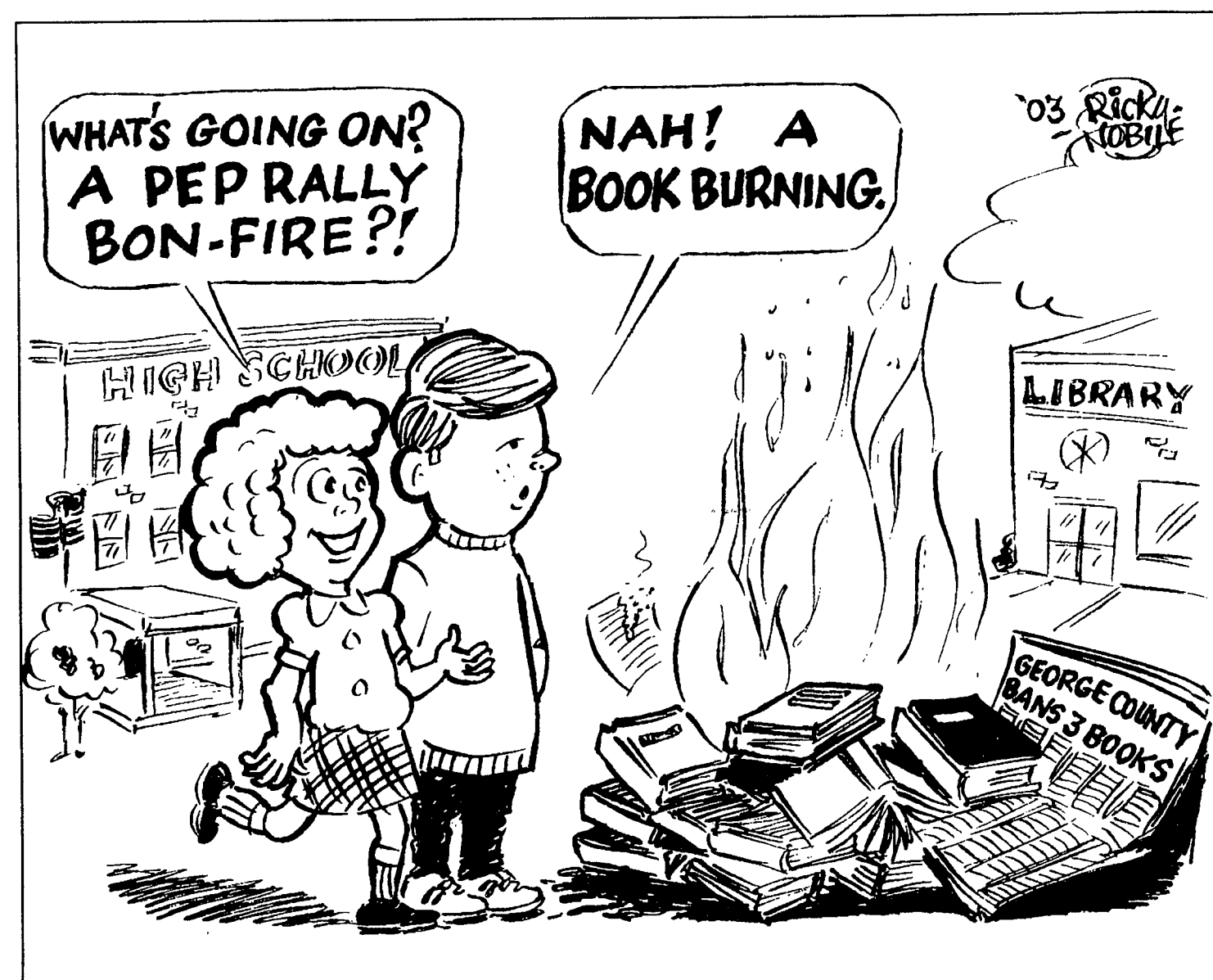
Now rattling around in the House Ways and Means Committee are two bills to hike the tax to 12 percent for two years, then scale it back to 10 per cent for two years in 2005, restoring the 8 per cent rate in 2007. So far neither has gone anywhere. Evidently the gaming industry lobby is content.

A bit of history: Legal riverboat gambling amazingly had slipped under the powerful Mississippi Baptist Convention radar screen in 1990 and found its way onto the state law books--while the powerful Baptist lobby was fixated on killing a proposed state lottery.

For a state considered the buckle of the Bible Belt, legalizing casino gaming had been thought to be as likely as making the Mississippi River run South to North, rather than North to South.

Actually, it was Ole Man Ribber that got this whole thing started: Folks in Natchez were being hard hit by a loss of tourist revenue and in danger of even worse

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FROM THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE

By State Senator
Scottie Cuevas

Education funding a priority on the agenda

Education has always been a high priority of the Mississippi Senate and Tuesday we took strong action to protect our schools and universities from facing more cuts by passing an education funding bill that should go a long way towards helping our schools through these difficult economic times.

Senate Bill 2678, which won unanimous approval, provides about \$205 million more than was recommended by the Legislative Budget Office for all of education in the state.

Funding education at this level - over 65 percent of the state's general fund budget - is not easy. While it's very important to fund education we must make sure other agencies and

departments of state government aren't hurt by the education effort.

In fact, SB 2678 also provides about \$55 million we can use for other state agencies should the need arise. A lot of work and study went into this effort but we believe it will pay off in the long run with higher paying jobs and a better quality of life for everyone.

We must sacrifice in order for our children and grandchildren to be able to compete with those from other states.

We were able to gather funds from several different sources to pay for this education funding level. Among many other things, we took \$71 million from the two percent holdback we have every year, \$50 million from

the Department of Transportation and \$56 million from the working Cash Stabilization Fund, or Rainy Day Fund, as it's commonly called.

The House also has an education bill and in the next week we will be trying to work out the differences in the two bills.

Monday was the deadline for having general bills introduced.

This covers all bills except for appropriations and revenue bills and resolutions. There have been 920 bills and resolutions introduced in the Senate so far year. We will spend the majority of the next couple of weeks studying these measures. The next major deadline we face is Feb. 4, when we must report bills out of committee if they are to survive.

As usual in these tough economic times, money will be the driving force in deciding which bills survive and which do not.

In addition to the education funding which we provided for this week we still have major needs in Medicaid, Corrections and Human Services, along with, dozens of other state agencies that have to be funded.

It's a very difficult balancing act, but one we must accomplish to make sure that services our citizens need continue to be provided.

Let me know what you think about these or any other matters of interest to you by calling me in Jackson at 601-359-3770 or by writing to me at P.O. Box 1018, Jackson, MS 39215.

Minor -- gaming tax

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times because Iowa upstream had legalized riverboat casinos.

That argument was presented to the Mississippi Senate by Sen. Bob Dearing, who persuaded the country boys to go along with his "local and private" bill to let gaming boats dock in Natchez. By the time Dearing's bill was given a virtual body transplant in the House, Mississippi had riverboat gaming big time and the boats didn't even have to run.

At first only counties bordering the Mississippi River could get into the floating casino action, but soon the Gulf Coast delegation got lawmakers to come back and give their counties on Mississippi Sound a piece of the same pie.

Voilà! You have Las Vegas South right here in Magnolia Land, and almost overnight we become the third biggest player in the nation's gaming industry.

Meantime, while Bible-belters out at forks of the creeks--from Hushpuckena to Hot Coffee, from Shuqualak to Soso--are less than happy they have such a big "sin" business inside their state's borders, they expect it to put big bucks in the state coffers.

Invariably, judging from questions that come in on ETV's "Statewide Live" when state finances are discussed, folks think the advent of legal gaming was supposed to pay most of the bill for education. Always they must be told the gaming tax is not dedicated by law to education, but goes into the state's general fund for various uses, education

among them.

Still, the public needs to be brought in on the debate on whether or not \$165 million which the state now collects from the state gaming tax is a fair share of the total tax burden for a \$3 billion industry, given that gambling is the most grievous of the three "sins" (others--cigs, booze) we tax.

Rep. Joe Warren (D-Mt. Olive), a 24-year legislative veteran who heads the House Education Committee, said he sponsored a hike in the state gaming tax to "give the casinos an opportunity to help us in a time of dire need."

Significantly, Warren added, "Almost 70 per cent of the dollars spent at the casinos come from visitors who live outside the state of Mississippi, not from our own people."

Warren said his bill, with Rep. Mike Lott (R-Petal) as a co-sponsor, would raise \$96 million per year the first two years, with all but \$4 million earmarked for the K-12 education program.

When the rate would drop to 10 per cent after two years, he estimated it would raise \$70 million.

"I pegged \$4 million to go to the Bureau of Narcotics, because the agency was cut that much in the current budget, causing a serious shortage of narcotics agents for such rural counties as mine (Covington) where drugs have become a major problem," Warren declared.

Naturally, the casinos oppose any increase in the 8 per cent state tax rate. They contend they are actually paying 12 per cent in gam-

ing taxes, counting the 4 per cent counties where they are located can add-on.

The gaming industry likes to hang its hat on a study two years ago, "Gaming in the Mississippi Economy" put out by the University of Southern Mississippi which contended that a 4 per cent increase in the state tax rate would likely put three unnamed casinos, and possibly a fourth, out of business and actually cause a loss in revenue.

Critics of the USM study insist, however, that the report was subsidized by the gaming industry.

Another report called "Biloxi Blues" done by the Working for America Institute focusing on lower-wage workers in the Mississippi Gulf Coast hospitality industry, was much less favorable to the area's gaming industry.

It points out that waiters and waitresses' median hourly wages are 11 per cent lower in Biloxi than in Las Vegas, that cooks wages are 24 per cent lower and maids and housekeepers are paid 33 per cent less. One difference is that workers are unionized in Las Vegas, and not in Biloxi.

Danny McDaniel, a Jackson attorney who represents much of the state's gaming industry, contends that the 30 casinos in Mississippi, including their hotel properties, proportionately contribute more in tax revenues than any other corporations in the state.

"I estimate they generate some 30 per cent of their gross income into tax revenues," McDaniel declared.

Tea for Three .. and thee



Barbara Stewart, co-president; Laura Currie, in whose home the tea is hosted; and Millie Bryant, co-president

Trinity plans annual Valentine's Silver Tea

Trinity Episcopal Church's St. Monica's Annual Silver Tea will be Feb. 14, 3-5 p.m. in the home of Jim and Laura Currie, 1020 West Beach, Pass Christian.

Everyone is invited. The Currie home is an

arts and crafts-style cottage built by Jim Currie's grandfather, Charles Currie, in the 1920s.

Donations will support St. Monica's Outreach Program: Pass Christian's Boys and Girls Club; St. Francis/St. Michael's

Campus for Boys in Picaune; Wilmer Hall in Mobile, and other charities.

St. Monica's Annual Silver Tea began at the Pink Cottage by Gussie Fitzpatrick in honor of her mother in the 1930.

DMR to host blood drive today

THE SEA COAST ECHO
The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, Jan. 30, 2003 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the first floor auditorium of the Bolton State Office Building at 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi.

The DMR is inviting the public to join them and several other state agencies in helping replenish the critically low blood supply in the Gulf Coast Region.

All blood types are needed. Donors will receive a T-shirt from the American Red Cross as a thank you

for giving blood. Donors can safely give blood once every 56 days as long as they weigh at least 110 pounds, are 17 years or older and are in good health.

Earlier this month, the American Red Cross, American Association of Blood Banks and America's Blood Centers issued a joint appeal for blood donors because most parts of the country are experiencing less than a one-day supply of blood.

On Jan. 16, the American Red Cross issued an emergency appeal in the Gulf Coast Region because of zero supplies of O Positive,

O negative and B negative blood types.

For more information contact the DMR at (228) 374-5000 or the American Red Cross at (228) 896-6772.

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FAA foul-up postpones ILS installation at Stennis airport

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

There will be yet another delay in getting the new Instrument Landing System (ILS) on line at Stennis International Airport, this time by no fault of any one locally. It seems that the FAA has lost a set of approach plates needed to put the system on line. The schematic shows the horizontal and vertical position of the landing airplane. The plates are updated every 56 days, said Port and Harbor director Hal Walters. So for the next 56 days ILS approach can be made at the airport by special request from individual flights only. Walters said the FAA also lost similar plates bound for an airport in Ocean Springs.

In other business:

- Equipment is being set up for the long awaited dredging at Little Lake. The operation should begin within six days, said Walters on Tuesday. Work will have to be completed by a March 15 deadline to meet permit requirements.

- The commission rejected all bids for projects to add a blast pad to the runway and an apron extension in front of Hanger C. The projects will go through a re-bidding process.

- The Commission

announced that developer Rodney Pilot had been successful in executing the option on 560 acres of a 1000 acre tract of land located at Hwy. 603 and I-10 and possibly on another 4.95 acre tract that will allow access to a technology park that Pilot plans to build at the site. Previously the Commission had proposed condemnation proceedings against the property owner, but rescinded their proposal on Monday on the 4.96 acre tract and another 55.74 acre tract at the same location. The Commission is still looking at acquiring 87 acres at the site for Port and Harbor use for aviation related activities, but later. There is nothing in this year's budget for the land acquisition, said Walters.

At the present time, there is no water or sewer service available at the site. However the airport does have a water system and a package treatment plant that would be available to service the park until other arrangements could be made, said Walters.

- Commissioners declared an emergency at the site of a lab fire at Mississippi Polymer Technologies to enable current contractors, KEL Construction, currently performing cleanup opera-

tions, to continue with further repairs on the building.

- Hancock County Chamber director Tish Hass Williams presented a proposal for a 2003 Salute to Business and Industry Gala to be co-sponsored by the Chamber, the Hancock county Tourism Bureau and the Port and Harbor Commission. The event will be held at Casino Magic Bay Tower Hotel Cypress Ballroom on April 25 and will bring together, industry, federal agencies, contractors, small business, and government together to create opportunities for community and economic growth, Williams said. The event will also serve as a medium to hand out awards for excellence throughout the community. The commission voted unanimously to lend its support.

- David N. McDonald was re-elected as president of the board. McDonald has served on the board since 1974 and as board president since 1988. Robert Cain, Harry Farve and Louis Hall were also re-elected as vice-president, secretary, and treasurer respectively.

- The Navy Seals will be back at Stennis International Airport for a training operation on Feb. 10.

'Faces of Freedom Summer' exhibit returns to Southern Miss Feb. 6

Four years after its inaugural exhibition in 1999 at the University of Southern Mississippi Museum of Art, "Faces of Freedom Summer: The Photographs of Herbert Randall" makes its way back "home" Feb. 6 through March 7.

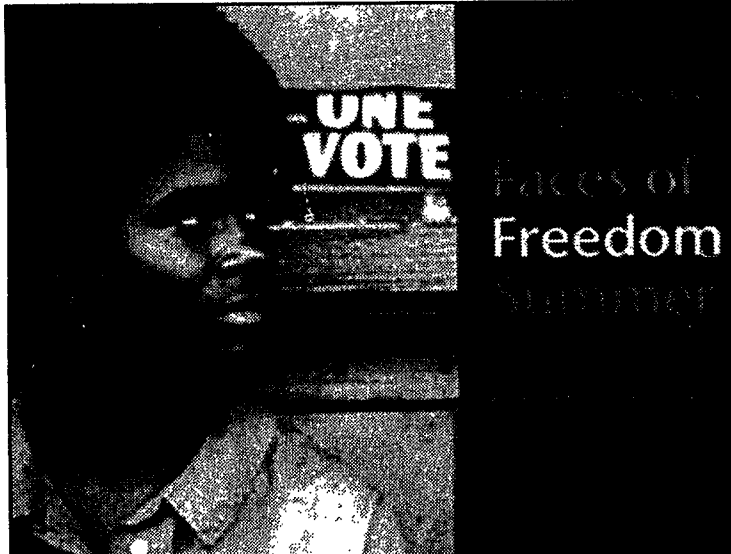
To celebrate its homecoming, the museum, along with University Archives, has planned an opening reception Feb. 6 from 4-6 p.m.

Also, photographer Herbert Randall and Freedom Summer volunteer and author Jim Kates will lead a brown-bag lunch program Feb. 18, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Both events will be held in the museum and are free to the public.

The exhibition of photographs - highly touted and widely covered at its original opening, including by People magazine - has traveled the United States since 1999 in such venues as the Parrish Art Museum and the College of Old Westbury in New York. Most recently, it was displayed at Stanford University in California and at the Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville.

The exhibition features more than 100 photographs that chronicle the struggles and triumphs of civil rights activists and disenfranchised African-American voters in Hattiesburg in 1964.

During that fateful summer, a coalition of local black residents, students of all races and voting rights organizers worked together to secure the right to vote for all Americans in the



South.

According to Bobs Tusa, a retired university archivist and author of a book published in 2001 on the collection of photographs, Randall - a then-28-year-old New York native - in 1964 met Sandy Leigh, who was the director of the Freedom Summer project in Hattiesburg.

Randall agreed to serve as the official photographer for the project. He took 1,759 negatives of events surrounding the project; negatives he eventually donated to the archives at Southern Miss in 1998.

"We feel like this is something of a homecoming," said Tony Lewis, director of the museum. "It has been four years since this important exhibition has been displayed here. Many of the students on campus and residents of Hattiesburg have not yet seen this exhibit, which traces such an integral part of our history."

Prior to Randall's dona-

tion and debut exhibition at Southern Miss, most of his photographs of the project had remained unseen. The negatives are now carefully stored at the university's McCain Library and Archives, which also houses a wealth of other materials related to the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi.

Examples of Randall's work are found also in the permanent collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, the Library of Congress and other prominent American museums.

The Museum of Art at Southern Miss is located in the Fine Arts Building at the southwest corner of the campus. The hours are Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Admission to the museum is free and open to the public. School and community group tours are welcome.

For information, call (601) 266-5200.

and sugarcane is Feb. 28.

The coverage fee is \$100 per crop per county or \$300 per producer per county, not to exceed a total of \$900 per producer for all counties.

For more information, interested producers may contact the Pearl River-Hancock Farm Service Agency, telephone 601-795-4409, ext. 2, or visit website www.fsa.usda.gov.

St. Jude 'dream home'® tickets already on sale

Chances to win a \$300,000 "dream home"® located in Ascot Pointe subdivision went on sale Wednesday in a campaign to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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2263.

Kris Hines, Sr. of American Homes is coordinating construction of the new home. Radio station K99 is also a major sponsor of the campaign.

In addition to the house, local sponsors have donated additional prizes for the give-away, including a trip for four to Disney World on Northwest Airlines, fine jewelry from Pav and

Broome, and a Compaq computer.

Tickets will be sold at branches of Union Planters' Bank on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

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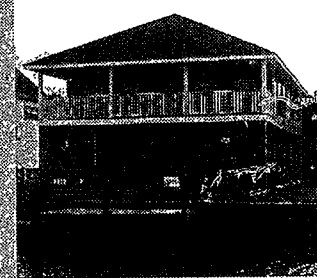


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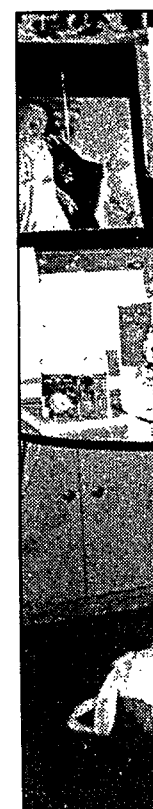
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Reading Fair Winners



Charles B. Murphy Elementary Reading Fair winners include, front from left, Kaiser West, second grade, third place; Ryan Furey, first grade, second place; Nathaniel Dawsey, first grade, third place; Joby Bennett, Kindergarten, first place; second row, Micheal Necalse, second grade, first place; Hannah Jordan, first grade, first place; Courtney Bennett, third grade, third place; Trey Vernaci, third grade, first place; Chase Bosarge, third grade, second place; Aaron Fairley, second grade, second place; third row, Tiffany Wake, fourth grade, second place; Shelby Carver, fifth grade, third place; Cameron Boughton, fifth grade, second place, Steven Jackson, fifth grade, second place; and Holly Taylor, fourth grade, first place. Not pictured is Cheyanne Sonnier, fourth grade, first place.

Baboushka visits North Bay Library



Shawn Prychitko came as Baboushka to read stories about Ukrainian Christmas and Little New Years. At the end of the program each child was given a small gift from Baboushka. She will return at Easter and read and demonstrate the art of dying eggs.

Diamondhead woman recognized in 'Who's Who of American Women'

Hilda L. Bourg of Diamondhead has been selected to "Who's Who of American Women, 2002-2003." This publication is a comprehensive directory of the biographies of outstanding women in North America.

Bourg is a highly qualified woman who is prominent because of her educational attainments and the contributions to the community in which she lives.

Bourg was a teacher, as well as an administrator in the educational field for 13

years. She started a private school in Florida and served in the capacity of headmistress.

She held membership in American Association of College Women, American Association of Supervisors and Phi Delta Kappa.

She served on many boards in the community, as well as taking a leadership position in some. She was a member and officer in Mississippi Coast

Crimestoppers; a member and officer on the Hancock County Park Commission; a

member and officer in United Way of South Mississippi; a member and officer of the Hancock Medical Center Foundation Board; and a member and officer of the Diamondhead Community Association.

She has received the St. Joseph's Academy's Outstanding Alum Award, and the United Way of South Mississippi Beyer-Haas Award. She was recognized in Who's Who in Mississippi's Hall of Fame and Who's Who in Government Service.

Food Check-out Day to be observed Feb. 6

Feb. 6 marks the day when the average American will have earned enough money to pay for the entire year's food supply.

According to the latest United States Department of Agriculture statistics, the average American will only have to work 39 days to pay for his or her family's food supply, a sharp contrast to the 123 days needed to earn enough to pay the tax bill.

David Waide, president of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, and Dott Arthur of Leake County, chairperson of the Farm Bureau Women's Program, joined in calling on all Mississippians to pause and give thanks for the men and women of

agriculture whose dedication and efficiency have given Americans the best baron for food in the world.

"All too often we take for granted the very things we see each and every day," Waide said. "Our nation's abundant supply of affordable and safe food is such a element in our lives. Consumers must not lose sight of where that food comes from and who produces it."

Arthur and members of the Women's Committees in County Farm Bureaus across the state are using this event to gather food, household supplies and money for the Ronald McDonald House in Jackson.

"The Women's Program of Farm Bureau across the

nation is working with the Ronald McDonald House Charities as a means of calling attention to the importance of food. We will be gathering food, household supplies and money to be given to the Ronald McDonald House in Jackson, on Food Check-out Day. This will help that outstanding charity continue its work in furnishing a place for families who need to be with their children during very trying times.

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In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the niece of Mildred Crockett of Pass Christian.

May is a 1991 graduate of Pass Christian High School.

AIRMAN PIERNAS

Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Shaun M. Piernas was graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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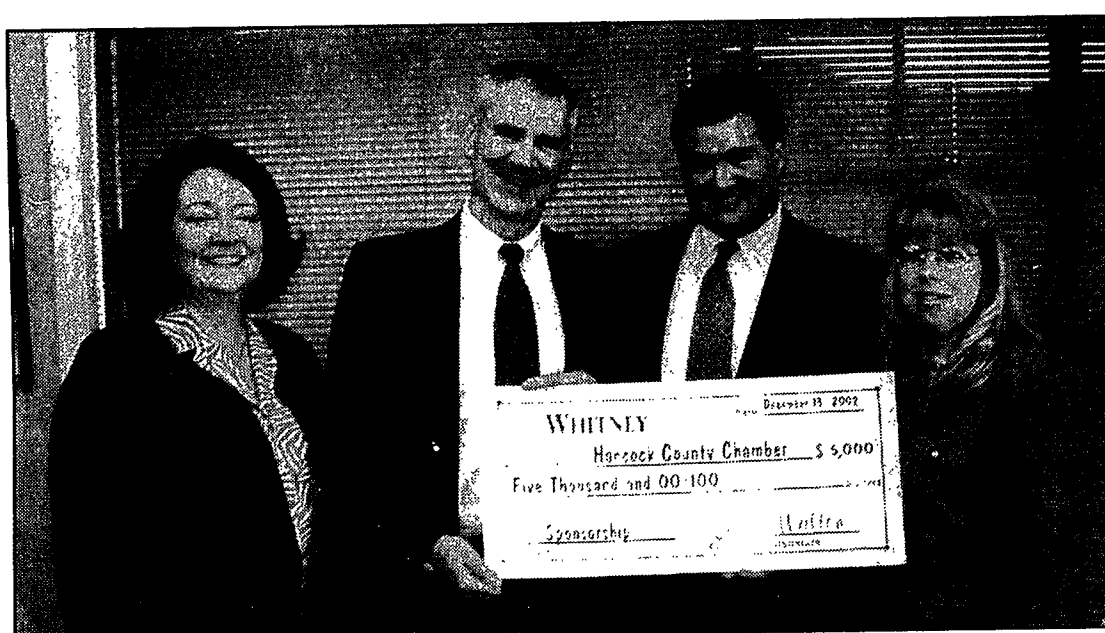
He is the son of Vernadine Piernas of Pass Christian and Mickey Piernas of Bay St. Louis.



Airman Shawn Piernas

Piernas graduated in 1996 from Bay St. High School and received a bachelor's degree in 2000 from Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, Miss.

Chamber News



Echo staff photos by Shannon Jenkins

John Walton, (second from left) the Mississippi state president of Whitney Bank, presents a \$5,000 check to John P. Baxter, president of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce. Also pictured from left are Tish Williams, chamber director, and Colleen Kershaw, marketing director for Whitney National Bank.



John P. Baxter, (center) president of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, receives a \$5,000 check from Cathy Maddox, EATEL SunShine Pages, marketing and public relations, and Trey LeBlanc III, director of business development for EATEL SunShine Pages. Also pictured from left are Heath Long, Bay Business Consulting, and Tish Williams, chamber director.

Mardi Gras parades shower Coast with beads, doubloons, family fun

More than 20 Mardi Gras parades will roll throughout the months of February and March, showering every city along Mississippi's Gulf Coast with beads, doubloons and good times.

"Mississippi's Gulf Coast Mardi Gras experience is not to be missed," said Stephen Richer, executive director of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau.

"Tens of thousands of people turn out to enjoy

our family style parades, especially on Fat Tuesday."

The Coast parade season kicks off February 1, with the Elks Mardi Gras parade in historic downtown Ocean Springs followed by weekend parades in all other Coastal cities throughout the month of February and into the beginning of March.

Fat Tuesday's grand finale will take place March 4 with fabulous parades in Gulfport and Biloxi and the opportunity for revelers to catch

enough beads and doubloons to start their own Mardi Gras float next year.

"Mardi Gras is one of the biggest, free parties on the entire Coast that everyone of all ages can enjoy," said Don Marie, Jr., captain of the GCCA krewe. "It's an extension of the winter holiday excitement full of revelry, family fun, and Coastal traditions."

For a complete list of Mardi Gras parades on Mississippi's Gulf Coast, visit www.gulfcoast.org.

Krewe of Diamondhead plans parade

Parade Lieutenant Ray Sheehy has started his planning for the 2003 parade that will kick off at noon Saturday, March 1.

Participants who would like to enter a float, marching unit, golf cart or any unit you may want to enter, are encouraged to contact Ray Sheehy at 255-6922 or e-mail at kreweofdhparade@aol.com or an application.

The parade started over 20 years ago mainly with golf carts. Owners of golf carts are asked to enter their carts this year. The theme for the parade is "Celebrate America," so decorate your unit and enter the parade.

Each unit must have its own insurance, and the application must be submitted by February 18. This is a family parade and one of the largest on the Coast.



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Church -- dressed for success

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Iris has the dubious honor of being the only Krewe never to be rained out, he says. It could be raining before the parade rolls, but the clouds will roll back and the sun will be out when Iris begins. And he should know. Church has been designing costumes for the crew for 41 years now.

Church, whose creations are on display at the New Orleans Mardi Gras Museum, the River Town Mardi Gras Museum, the Brennan's Restaurant at Disney World, each year at the Mississippi Welcome Center, and in countless home displays, has been designing costumes for 44 or 45 years. He can't remember exactly.

Church began his career while still in high school in New Orleans. A friend who was designing costumes asked him to help one year. Then before the season was finished, the friend received an offer for a job in theatrical design in New York. Church finished the job. He did so well that he was asked to come back the next year.

He started out making head pieces, he said, and went from there. At first, designing costumes was only a part time job and the rest of his time was filled being a display manager for department stores. After about five years costume design became a full time occupation.

"Most people don't realize that this is a year round job," he said. "There are only about 100 people who are full time costume designers. It is a completely different kind of sewing."

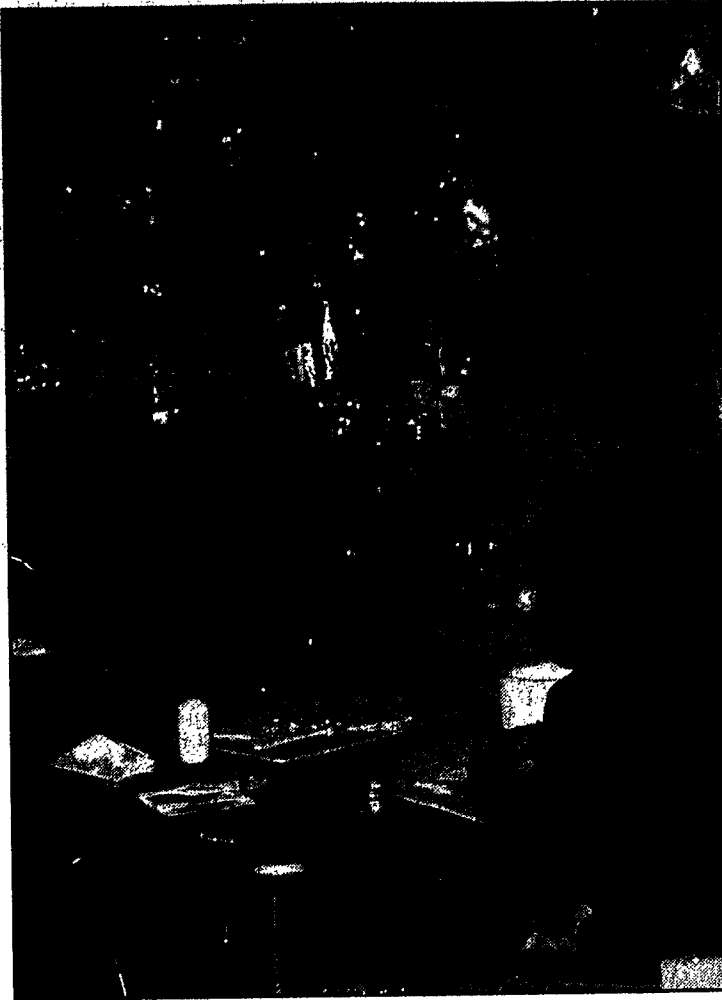
There is only a short break before preparations for next year's parades and balls are under way. Besides individuals, Church has designed costumes for 27 years for Sparta, 21 years for a St. Charles Krewe and 16 years for a La Rose Krewe. In between times he also designs wedding gowns and other formal attire.

Each costume is hand made and requires about 200 hours to complete from the beginning to the end by the time you make all the appliques, he said. Church goes through an untold number of yards of material—there is no way to keep track—and about \$50,000 worth of feathers and rhinestones each season. A finished design can weigh up to 30 pounds.

Prices of the costumes can range from \$1,000 to \$20,000, depending on the desired adornments. A queens costume required real white mink one year, he remembers. The costumes are worn on an average of three times; to the ball, to the parade and to next year's ball, he said.

This year's work is nearing its finish. On Saturday Church's workshop on Main St. in Bay St. Louis was filled with jeweled costumes and feathered headpieces and effects. The last of the costumes will be delivered on the Monday before Mardi Gras to Tibideau, then it is back home to sleep and maybe get up to watch the Krewe of Real People parade, he said. Church said he doesn't go to New Orleans for Mardi Gras any more.

"Been there, done that."



Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter
Linda Favre, left, and Susan Penton make appliques by hand to adorn Church's Mardi Gras creations.

he said. And he has done it. Even fulfilled his childhood dream of riding as King of Sparta.

"It was everything that I imagined it would be as a kid," he said. "The mules pulling the float, the flambeaus, the band playing in front of us; it was wonderful."

Church has many wonderful memories of Mardi Gras, he says, and the more modern version just doesn't seem the same. He remem-

bers when the French Quarter was Mardi Gras. The parades went through the neighborhood and you watched from a balcony, he said, before the floats became too large, the rickety wire bases rattling down the street.

Celebrations on floats were few and far between then, but have become a modern tradition today. It was Mardi Gras and all that it embodied, he said, a magic not to be explained, but experienced.

Walkout -- emergency

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state of Virginia some time this week.

State Sen. Scottie Cuevas, speaking during a break in the legislative session yesterday, said that a short-term solution could be reached "in the next two or three weeks," hopefully by establishing a funding pool to temporarily provide the state's doctors with malpractice coverage.

As for the long term, he said, "That's what's scary. The long term (solution) is us trying to stabilize or give some relief for the insurance companies, and we're just not sure how to do that yet."

Cuevas said that where Coast legislators are "kind of in a frantic state," over the doctors' walkout, their colleagues in the state Senate and House of Representatives are "just a little nervous. ... I think everybody sees it as an emergency, but it hasn't hit them yet."

He said legislators have already been meeting with physicians and insurance officials to try to reach some common ground.

"One doctor testified (on Tuesday) that his premiums went from \$30,000 to \$120,000 annually," Cuevas said. "Man, you just can't compensate for that."

Worse, he said, is that many doctors are facing a situation where — after they pay the \$120,000 — the insurance companies drop them from coverage anyway.

State Rep. J.P. Compretta said yesterday that during the current session, legislators will consider House Bill 1123, which will set up a comprehensive risk pool to provide doctors with medical malpractice coverage until a long-term solution is found.

Compretta said he has also drafted a resolution to allow a new bill through the legislature — last week had been the deadline to submit bills to be considered this session — that would require the Medical Assurance Company of Mississippi (MACM) to take on the additional doctors who are being dropped from their current coverage. The problem with that, he said, is that MACM's administrators said they agency can't handle the added stress.

Currently, MACM covers more than 2,500 doctors, with only \$50 million in the funding pool.

In the last week of 2002 alone, Cuevas said, roughly 1,200 new medical malpractice suits were filed in Mississippi courts in order to beat the deadline set by last year's tort reform bill.

"Tort reform is going to have an effect," Cuevas said, "but it doesn't work overnight."

In the meantime, Hancock and Harrison County surgeons say they will continue their walkout at least for the remainder of the month, unless and until the legislature, the governor and Lt. governor will sit

down with doctors "without any trial lawyers" to at least discuss the issue.

And, in the meantime, anyone requiring emergency surgery in Hancock and Harrison County will

have to be transported to other facilities like Forrest General in Hattiesburg, and Slidell Memorial Hospital and Northshore Regional Medical Center in Louisiana.

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Obituaries

JUNIUS DANIELS
HARRIET MAGEE
SARAH PRITCHARD
GEORGE SMITH
EDDIE SPEARS
RUTH WHITEMORE

JUNIUS DANIELS
 Junius Allen "Grandpa" Daniels, 92, of Pass Christian, died Thursday, Jan. 23, 2003, in Pass Christian.

Mr. Daniels was a native of Pass Christian and a member of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church. He had worked for Pass Christian Public Schools and Khol Motors, and was the oldest member of the Mexican Gulf Lodge #64 of Pass Christian and a member of the NAACP.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Olivia Daniels; his parents Benjamin and Ellen Daniels; a sister, Ellen Avery; two sons, Audrey Daniels, and Roger Daniel Jr.; and three grandchildren.

Survivors include a son, Harold Daniels of Pass Christian; 19 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Pass Christian followed by services and burial in St. Stephen Cemetery in Delisle.

J.T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

HARRIET MAGEE
 Harriet Magee, 86, of New Orleans, died Monday, Jan. 27, 2003, in New Orleans.

Ms. Magee was a native of Logtown and attended St. Jude Catholic Church in New Orleans.

Survivors include a son, Joseph Flannigan Jr. of New Orleans; two brothers, Eugene and William Keys, both of Pearlington; and a sister, Mildred Wheat of Pearlington.

Visitation will be

Saturday at 11 a.m. followed by services at noon in Greater Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Pearlington. Burial will be in Lindsey Cemetery in Logtown.

Baylous Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

SARAH PRITCHARD
 Sarah Elizabeth Pritchard of Pass Christian died Friday, January 24, 2003, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Pritchard was born in Waycross, Georgia and was a longtime resident of Coral Gables, Fla. before moving to Pass Christian in the early 60's where she was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. She attended the University of Miami where she was a member of the Chi Omega Sorority. She was also the sweetheart of Sigma Chi, Pi Kappa Alpha Dream girl. She was a school teacher in the Atlanta School System and was a member of the Atlanta Junior League.

She was also a founding member of the Pass Christian Historical Society and was past chairman of the American Heart Association. She was a well-known antiques dealer and estate appraiser.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Ebenezer Brinson and four brothers, M. E. Brinson, John T. Brinson, Fred Brinson and Charles Brinson.

Survivors include her husband, Jack Pritchard of Pass Christian; three sons, Jack Pritchard Jr. of Ashville, N.C., Billy Pritchard, of Lafayette, La., and Tom Pritchard, of Pass Christian; and five grandchildren.

Visitation was Monday at Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian followed by services and a private family burial in Live Oak Cemetery, Pass Christian.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers memorials to the Salvation Army, 2019 22nd Street, Gulfport 39501.

GEORGE SMITH
 George A. Smith, 67, of Gulfport, died Sunday, Jan. 26, 2003, in Gulfport.

Mr. Smith was a resident of the Coast for 40 years. He was a retired carpenter.

Survivors include three sons, Mark Smith, and Dennis Smith, both of Gulfport, and Ricky Smith of Bay St. Louis; three brothers; two sisters; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Riemann Memorial

Funeral Home on Hwy 49 in Gulfport is in charge of arrangements.

EDDIE SPEARS
 Eddie Spears, 74, of Gulfport, died Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2003, in Biloxi.

Mr. Spears was a longtime resident of Mississippi, a native of New Orleans and was of the Baptist faith. He was a self-employed barber and had served in the Navy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Westley Spears and Laura Lamont Spears.

Survivors include daughters Allison McGowan and Margaret Williamson, both of Pass Christian, Patricia Spears of New Orleans and Dominique Huntley of Gulfport; sons Allen Williamson and Hamuel Dedeaux, both of Pass Christian; a sister, Margaret Johnson, and a brother, Edward Spears, both of Jacksonville, Fla.; 12 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Visitation was Wednesday at George and Lillian Lockett Memorial Chapel in Gulfport followed by services and a graveside service in Biloxi National Cemetery.



RUTH WHITEMORE
 Ruth Whitmore, 77, of Bay St. Louis, died on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Whitmore was a native of Memphis, TN. and since retirement a resident of Bay St. Louis. She was a graduate of Memphis University. She was an elementary school teacher, a member of the First United Methodist Church, and ALPHA ALPHA Pi society and AARP.

She was preceded in death by her Father, William T. Whitmore and aunt, Mary Louise Whitmore.

Survivors include three cousins and many lifelong friends and their children.

Visitation will be held today from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. followed by a 3 p.m. prayer service at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

Burial Services and interment will be held in Memphis, TN. on Saturday.

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Crash

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care unit.

Antunica's daughter, Brailey Raphael, was listed in stable condition in the hospital's pediatric ward.

According to a report issued yesterday by the Mississippi Highway Patrol, the two were injured when Antunica tried to drive her 1989 Mazda across the road from the Kiln-Waveland Cutoff and the vehicle collided with a southbound 2003 Chevy driven by Lori Chrisman, 39, of Texas Flat Rd.

Chrisman complained she was suffering from chest pain at the scene, according to the report. Antunica suffered a broken leg and "depressed mental status," and her daughter suffered a "severe laceration to the face."

Antunica and her daughter were initially taken to Hancock Medical Center, where she was stabilized, then transferred to Forrest General by helicopter.

HMC media coordinator

Janet McQueen said that although the Coast physicians' walkout is causing cases requiring emergency surgery to be transported out of the area, "This particular accident would've been transported five months ago, because the Coast has been short of neurological coverage."

McQueen said that neurosurgeons were the first specialty practice to be affected by the current unavailability of medical malpractice insurance.

"This transfer would have occurred regardless of the current walkout," said HMC Administrator Hal W. Leftwich.

"Neurosurgery coverage is extremely limited. At Memorial Hospital it is only offered one third of the month. Many times we work feverishly to find the closest hospital to accept a head injury."

McQueen said initial reports that it took four hours for the helicopter to

arrive at the hospital were inaccurate. In fact, she said, the victims arrived at HMC at 4:06 p.m., and the helicopter landed at the hospital by 5:55.

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All those interested in entering the parade can obtain an application at the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce in Bay St. Louis.

While there is no entry fee, participants must show proof of insurance before riding.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Nichols replaces Morell at DuPont DeLisle Plant

DuPont has named Patricia A. Nichols, plant manager for the DuPont Titanium Technologies' (DTT) DeLisle plant. Nichols succeeds Aldo A. Morell, who has been promoted to Director - DuPont Safety, Health and Environment Excellence Center in Wilmington, Del.

Prior to this assignment, Nichols was plant manager at DTT's site in Starke, Fla. Nichols, 43, joined DuPont in 1980 and has held various business and leadership assignments in New Johnsonville, Tenn., Orlando, Fla., Wilmington, Del., Columbus, Ohio, Indianapolis, Ind., and Nashville, Tenn.

"I look forward to working with employees and the Gulf Coast community on leading site and community initiatives," says Nichols.

Prior to becoming DeLisle plant manager in 1999, Morell, 48, was the plant manager at DTT's

Altamira, Mexico, site, for four years.

Morell joined DuPont in 1976 and has held a variety of business assignments at DuPont sites in New Johnsonville, Tenn., Deepwater, NJ, and Wilmington, Del.

While at DeLisle, Morell was very active in the community and held a number of leadership positions in several organizations, including the Gulf Coast Economic Development Council, Coast Chamber of Commerce, State and Gulf Coast Workforce Council, the United Way of South Mississippi and the Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain. In 2002, he chaired the Gulf Coast Sustainability Conference.

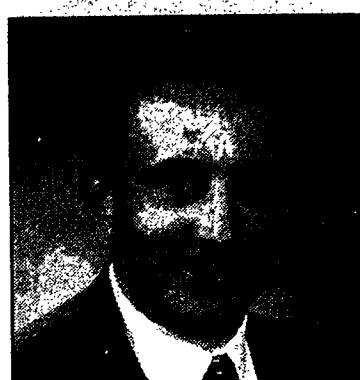
"While I will miss my friends and colleagues along the Gulf Coast, I'm excited about the opportunity to work with the global community on sustainability," says Morell.

DuPont Titanium Technologies is the world's largest manufacturer of titanium dioxide, serving customers globally in the coatings, paper and plastics industries.

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PATRICIA A. NICHOLS



ALDO A. MORELL

AARP tax aides to bring free tax help at libraries

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) tax aides, in conjunction with the Hancock County Library System, will begin free tax assistance at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library and the Kiln Public Library.

The first session at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library will be Tuesday, February 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will be available every Tuesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At the Kiln Public Library, the first session will begin Thursday, February 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and they will be available every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

More information on the tax aides is available by calling the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library at 467-5282, or the Kiln Public Library at 255-1724.

The Hancock County Library System can be found on the World Wide Web at www.hancock.lib.ms.us.

Northrop Grumman reports record results

Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) has reported net income from continuing operations of \$226 million for the 2002 fourth quarter, or \$1.73 per share, on 126.5 million weighted average diluted shares outstanding, compared with adjusted net income from continuing operations of \$195 million, or \$1.93 per share, on weighted average diluted shares outstanding of 98.0 million in the fourth quarter of 2001.

As previously reported, the company issued approximately 70 million shares of common stock in conjunction with its Dec. 11, 2002, acquisition of TRW Inc. However, Northrop Grumman's 2002 fourth

quarter and year-end income statements do not include TRW's post-acquisition results because they were not material.

On an economic earnings basis, Northrop Grumman's 2002 fourth quarter earnings from continuing operations increased to \$238 million, or \$1.83 per share, compared with \$156 million, or \$1.53 per share, for the comparable period in 2001.

Fourth quarter 2002 sales increased 17 percent to \$4.8 billion from

\$4.1 billion in the comparable 2001 period, primarily due to the inclusion of the full quarter results for Newport News, which was acquired on Nov. 29, 2001.

Choctaws to build Hard Rock Hotel

By BARBARA POWELL
Associated Press
Writer

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians said Thursday it will add a 300-room Hard Rock Hotel and a Hard Rock Beach Club to its Pearl River Resort in Neshoba County.

The Choctaw tribe signed a licensing agreement with Hard Rock Cafe International of Orlando, Fla., that allows the tribe to build and operate the hotel.

The beach club will be a joint project with Hard Rock, which will operate the attractions.

"Our goal is to continue to make strategic moves to further position the Pearl River Resort as the premiere regional entertainment, lodging and gaming destination in the Southeast," said Chief Phillip Martin of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

The beach club is a new product offering for Hard Rock. It is scheduled to open this summer when the resort opens its nine-acre private beach.

The club will include heated pools, a restaurant, dance areas and several live-performance stages.

The Hard Rock Hotel, scheduled to open by 2006,

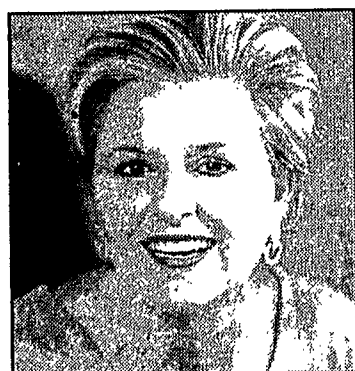
will be the third hotel for the resort. The Choctaw tribe opened Silver Star Hotel & Casino, Mississippi's only land-based casino, in 1994. Last summer, the tribe opened the Golden Moon Hotel & Casino, at the resort.

Together, the two hotels have 1,100 hotel rooms; and the casinos have 4,800 slot machines and 140 gaming tables.

Hard Rock already has hotel properties in Orlando, Las Vegas, Thailand and Bali. Another hotel is under construction in Chicago.

The agreement with the Choctaw tribe marks the second time Hard Rock Cafe International has teamed with an Indian tribe for a development project. The company partnered with the Seminole Indian tribe of Florida to build two resort casinos currently under construction in Tampa and Hollywood, Fla.

Hard Rock Cafe International is a wholly owned subsidiary of the publicly traded Rank Group PLC. Hard Rock owns or franchises 109 Hard Rock Cafes in 30 countries.



Named to board

Diane Allen was recently named to the LSU Manship School of Mass Communication Alumni Association Board. The board administers the operations of the alumni association and is made up of 15 communication professionals within Louisiana who are graduates of the Manship School of Mass Communication or its predecessor, the LSU Journalism School. Allen, president of Diane Allen & Associates, a full service advertising and public relations agency established in 1976 in Baton Rouge, is a weekend resident of Bay St. Louis.

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Stroke screening available in Bay area

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Residents living in and around the Bay Saint Louis community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke. Life Line Screening will be at the Casino Magic on February 3. The site is located at 711 Casino Magic Drive in Bay Saint Louis. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m.

A stroke, also known as a "brain attack", is ranked as the third leading killer in the world, and the second among women. Through preventive screenings, the risk of having a stroke can be greatly reduced.

Screenings are fast, painless and low cost. They involve the use of ultrasound technology, and scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke, aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta, and hardening

of the arteries in the legs, which are a strong predictor of heart disease. Also offered for men and women, is a bone density screening to assess their risk for osteoporosis.

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Sgt. R. Hannah of the Bay St. Louis Police Department Crime Prevention Unit will be presenting monthly classes on safety.

All children enrolled in Save Our Children and their parents are urged to attend this important series.

The schedule for the rest of the series is as follows:

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For information call the center at 466-0401.

Hancock NAACP to present Clark scholarship

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The Twentieth Annual Thomas P. Clark Memorial Black History Month Program sponsored by the Hancock County Branch NAACP will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Train Depot. Any county resident between the ages of 9-19 years old is eligible to participate.

Participants may register

by calling Donna Holton at 466-0973 or Goldie Fairconnetue at 467-4126. Registration is a must and the deadline is Feb. 8.

Participants must also be present for one of two dress Rehearsals which will be held at St. Rose Church Parish Center in Bay St. Louis. Rehearsals will be held on Friday, Feb. 7 or Wednesday, Feb. 12 between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.

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Countdown to March Madness begins now

2003 NCAA Men's Final Four coming to the Louisiana Superdome April 4

THE SEA COAST ECHO

College hoop mania returns to the city of New Orleans as the 2003 NCAA Men's Final Four invades the Louisiana Superdome, April 4-7.

New Orleans-area college basketball fanatics will not want to miss the electric atmosphere of NCAA Hoop City. Held in conjunction with the Men's Final Four, NCAA Hoop City will be located at the Morial Convention Center (Halls 82 and C, 900 Convention Center Boulevard).

Presale NCAA Hoop City tickets are available now from now until Sunday, Feb. 2.

Tickets can be purchased through all area Ticketmaster locations or by calling 504-522-5555.

Tickets will also be sold via the Internet at www.ticketmaster.com, or at the Morial Convention Center's NCAA Hoop City entrance each day of the event.

Discounted ticket prices are: \$5 each (ages 12 and older); \$3 each (college students and senior citizens 55+ with proper ID); \$3 each (children ages 3-11); free (ages 2 and younger). They will return to regular price on Feb. 3 and will cost an additional \$2 each.

NCAA Hoop City will be open on the following days and times:

Friday, April 4 (10 a.m. - 8 p.m.)

Saturday, April 5 (10 a.m. - 8 p.m.)

Sunday, April 6 (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

Monday, April 7 (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

Note: All times are subject to change.

For additional information on the NCAA Men's Final Four or NCAA Hoop City, visit www.ncaasports.com or www.onosports.com/ncaa

Top of the Hit List

Former SSC great Peterman named 1st team All-SEC

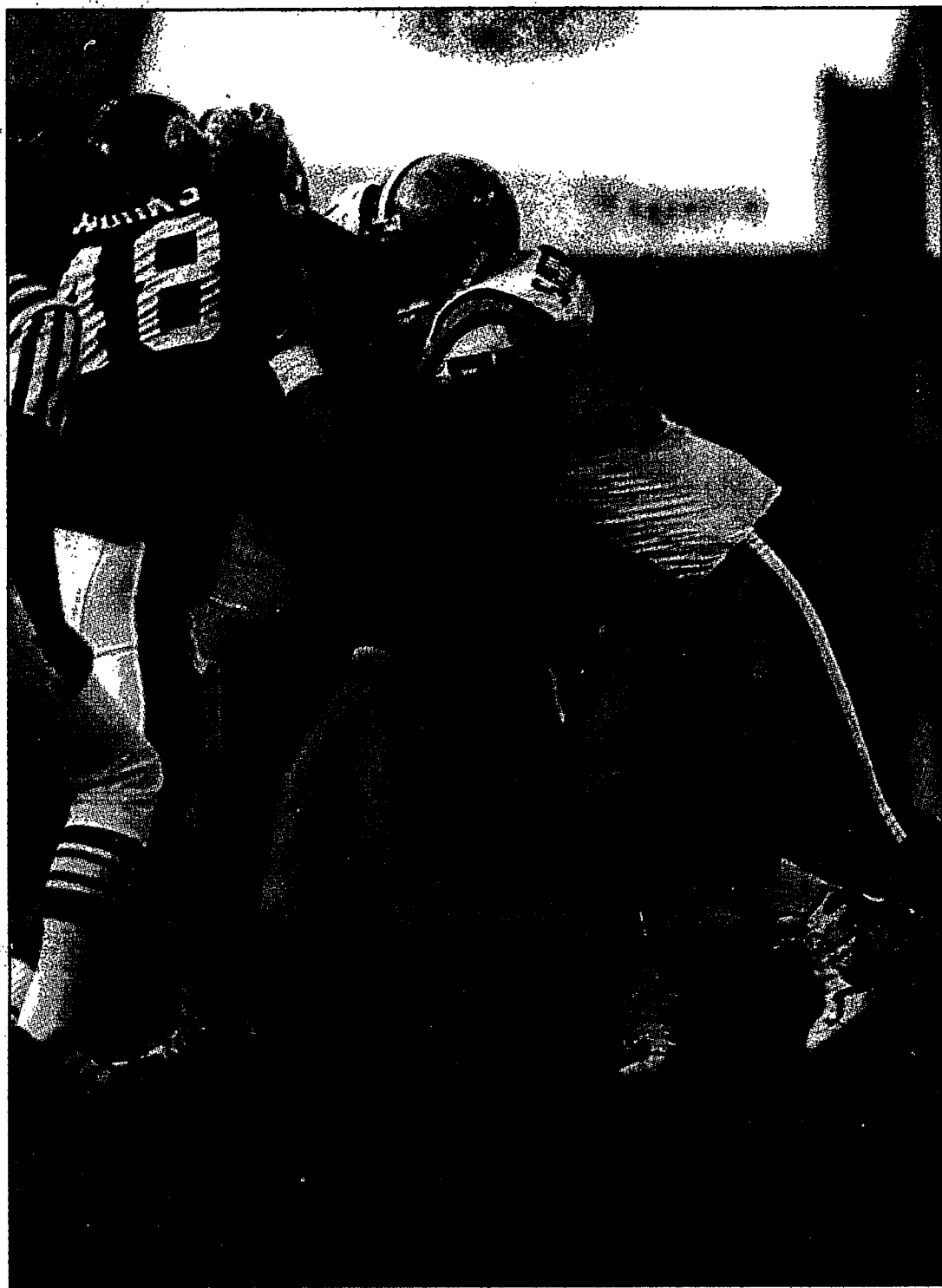
BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

Former St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaw gridiron great Stephen Peterman, of Waveland, was named first-team All-Southeastern Conference by the Coaches Association of the SEC and The Sporting News.

The 6-4, 325-pound left guard anchored the offensive line for the LSU Tigers this past season. Peterman has come a long way since his prep days at the nation's largest all-boys Catholic boarding school in Bay St. Louis where he graduated as the school's most decorated football player. While at SSC he was named to the All-Division team three times, All-South team twice, a Dandy Dozen pick in the state of Mississippi (ranked #9), a Blue-Chip recruit by several national publications, and was named to the AP All-State and MAC All-State first teams his senior year.

Peterman commented on his selection to the All-SEC team, "I don't go out looking for awards. If they come then that is very nice. I do consider it a high honor to be named All-SEC by the coaches and media representatives from around this great league. I owe it all to my coaches and teammates for making me a better player. Plus, for it to happen as a junior makes it even that more special."

The 2002 season was Peterman's second year starting on the offensive line. The junior two-year letter winner was initially signed as a tight end out of SSC. Peterman switched to defensive end his first season in Baton Rouge and earned a letter. In the spring of his freshman year, Peterman was approached by the LSU coaching staff and asked if he wished to switch positions. His reply was basically anything to help the team win. His first thought was to head back to tight end; however, LSU was four-deep at that spot already. The coaches felt certain he could help LSU on the offensive line and Peterman agreed. Within



LSU junior left guard Stephen Peterman of Waveland in action against the Arkansas Razorbacks. Peterman, a former SSC standout, was recently named to the Coaches All-SEC first team and The Sporting News All-SEC first team. (Photo courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Peterman and the LSU Sports Information office)

two weeks time, Peterman went from blocking on the O-line for the first time to starter.

Peterman solidified a gap for LSU on the line and quickly made his mark. He has earned two consecutive letters during the seasons of 2001 and 2002. Ironically, the interior offensive line was a place that Peterman had never played until he suited up for LSU. Looking back though, Peterman is glad that he made the switch.

Peterman is the youngest child of Fred and Pearl Peterman of

Waveland. His parents commented, "We are so very proud of him. His accomplishments have just blown us away because one can never expect this to happen. It was kind of strange to see him switch to the offensive line but he made that decision. Stephen has always made good choices in life. He has worked hard for what he has accomplished."

The Peterman's have been there every step of the way during Stephen's athletic journeys. They have made every contest that he has competed in since he was five years old.

Football wasn't the only sport to occupy Stephen's attention. There was basketball, baseball, track, and soccer. In high school the sports were narrowed to basketball and track. The Peterman's continued, "We knew that he was a good athlete by watching him compete in all those sports. However, he always loved the sport football a little more. We went on his recruiting visits with him and we let him form his own opinions of each school. In the end he chose LSU not because it was close to home but because he felt comfortable there."

We have been fortunate not to miss a game either home or away. And, we don't plan to."

The Peterman's have traveled near and far to watch their son play. And Peterman has played a lot. At LSU alone he has started 24 games in a row and played 770 offensive plays. He has allowed just one sack in two seasons and was whistled for just one penalty in 2002. He graded out over 80% or better in every game except one. Peterman has become the heart and soul of the Tigers' offensive line and it looks like he will carry the banner next season as the team's leader.

At the end of the season he won the Chancellor's Award for Perseverance. He has become a player that not only the offense looks up to but the entire team, as well. The Tigers have an opportunity to make some noise next season with Peterman and others returning. Peterman recalled, "We lose two people off the line this year and have the rest returning. We have some young talent that will step in and do fine. The offense will return eight players with starting and game experience. The team is looking forward to 2003 with great anticipation. The close losses this past season left us hungry to improve. Our goals are simple - to win the SEC West, win the SEC Championship game, and get to a major bowl."

While his collegiate playing days are coming to a close quickly, the professional football ranks may not be to far off. Some teams have scouted Peterman at practice and in games and are showing some serious interest. Peterman concluded, "The professional ranks are a definite option for me. With belief in God and my health, it is definitely something I can do. However, I have my senior season at LSU to focus on. I will be counted upon as a leader and I intend to be the best that I can. And, in turn, I intend to help LSU be the best that they can be."

If Peterman makes the
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Devin Necaise, on the court Tuesday night for the Hancock High Lady Hawks. Necaise recently signed a full athletic scholarship with the University of Memphis Lady Tigers.



Echo staff photo by Joe Gex

Work ethic brings dreams full circle for Devin Necaise

Lady Hawk signs with U. of Memphis

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

Even if Devin Necaise never played basketball, one could not deny her work ethic. It doesn't matter if she's on the court, in the classroom, or at some other extracurricular activity, determination leads the way for senior Hancock Lady Hawk guard Devin Necaise. That determina-

tion has been a well-received asset to the Lady Hawk program during the past four seasons.

As a tribute to that work ethic, Necaise has signed a full athletic scholarship with the University of Memphis Lady Tigers. Necaise is the first Lady Hawk to sign with a Division I school since Jessica Pucheu back in the

late 1990s

Several factors went into Necaise's choice to go with Memphis. She commented, "I chose Memphis for several reasons. I like the area the school is in. The coaching staff made me feel right at home. One of the biggest factors was the feel of a family environment. My family thinks that is a very good opportunity for me there. That means a lot."

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SPORTS

Hancock splits with Bearcats on the hardwood

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Hancock Hawks split a pair of games against the Long Beach Bearcats in high school basketball action in Kiln on Tuesday night.

The #9-ranked Lady Hawks (21-6) tallied a 54-49 win late against the Lady Bearcats while the boys team was nipped 65-63 after leading the majority of the contest.

Hancock held a narrow 12-10 lead after the first period but got some breathing room by halftime with the score 32-22. Brooke Necaie provided a hot hand for the Hawks early on along with senior guard Devin Necaie.

The Lady Bearcats fought back in the third period behind All-South performer Latoya Carson. Long Beach cut the lead to

40-37 by the end of the period behind consecutive three-pointers by Carson.

Long Beach pulled to within one 46-45 with 4:35 left in the game on Carson's jumper. However, senior Hawk Forward Kayla Stephenson and Brooke Necaie had other things to say.

Stephenson scored six points and Necaie drained two charity shots with :34 left to turn away the comeback effort.

Hancock head coach Pam Slayton stated, "This was a good win for us. We need some close games like this to help us down the stretch. When we went into a zone, Long Beach and Latoya Carson got hot. For the most part, we were cold tonight. Brooke Necaie bailed us out of this one with steady play all game. I thought as a team, we

played very well defensively."

Brooke Necaie led the team with 17 points followed by Kayla Stephenson with 14 points. Devin Necaie added 11 points in the win.

Latoya Carson led Long Beach with 16 points followed by Mary Kenney with 12 and Dolicia McClara with 11 points.

In the boys game, Hancock fell behind early in the opening period but fought back to close the period out down 20-15. The Hawks were down as many as seven points twice in the first period.

Cody Ladner came alive in the second period as the Hawks took a 35-32 advantage to the locker room for intermission.

Cody Ladner put the Hawks up 42-36 with 4:47 left in the third period but

Hancock was not able to shut the door on the Bearcats. Long Beach fought back and ended the period down a point 48-47.

The fourth period was a see-saw battle between the two teams as neither one enjoyed a bigger lead than three points and the score was tied four times in the period. In the end, turnovers in the frontcourt spelled the demise of the Hawks. Hancock head coach Michael Ladner commented, "I compliment Long Beach. They outthrustled us tonight. Since this team has beaten Petal and played so well during that game, they have not focused in practice. We are playing the way we practice."

Cody Ladner scored 26 points to lead Hancock. Daron Boone added 16 points and Braxton Rockwell scored 10 points.

Scott Watkins led Long Beach with 21 points followed by Brian Magee with 17 points.

The Hawks hit the road against Oak Grove on

Friday, January 31. Top-ranked Bay High will tangle with Gautier in the Wilmer Seymour Gymnasium while #3-ranked St. Stanislaus will host Pass Christian.

SSC basketball to sponsor Alumni Night Jan. 31st

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaw basketball program is inviting all alumni to the Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium this Friday, January 31 to view the game between Division 8 Class 4A rivals SSC and Pass Christian.

The evening will begin with light hors d'oeuvres and a 'chalk-talk' with head basketball coach Jay

Ladner and an introduction to the 2003 team.

Special recognition will be given to the 1944-45 state semi-final team which was led by All-State 6-7 center Jim Smith.

For more information on the night's festivities, please call Amy Pentimonti at 228-467-9057, ext. 226 or head basketball coach Jay Ladner at 228-467-9057, ext. 224.

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Necaise

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Necaise is being recruited as a point guard and is expected to see action during her freshman season on campus. This year Necaise is leading the team not only with stats but with leadership, as well.

She continued, "Team play for us is very important. We have to have it to be successful. We strive to play and win as a team. If we can do that then great things will happen. We have goals of a district championship, south state championship, and a state championship."

Last season, the Lady Hawks made the trip to Jackson for the second time in three years. So far this season, the Lady Hawks are ranked #9 in the state and sport a 21-6 record. The district tournament is right around the corner and the Lady Hawks are extremely close to notching their belts with the first of their goals - a district championship.

Hancock head coach Pam Slayton is in her third season in Kiln. Slayton commented on her college signee, "Devin Necaise is a special player. She works harder than any player I have ever coached. She has

become a floor leader and a motivator to younger players. She does it with performance and involvement. Her presence on the floor gives the team good balance."

"The University of Memphis is a great program. Devin has character beyond her years. The UofM players have that same type of character. I told her to get a feel for the schools that she visits. When she signed she did not leave us. Instead, she focused even more on the goals that she has set for herself and this team. It is important to her to finish here at Hancock on top. She is a tremendous leader for us. Devin Necaise does not have to score for us. Her presence makes us better."

Necaise has played the last three years under Slayton. She commented on her coach's influence on her game, "I have great respect for Coach Pam Slayton and her style of game. She has helped me so much with the physical, as well as, the mental aspects."

In May of 2003, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Necaise of Necaise Crossing will move on to

bigger courts and louder crowds. However, she knows what she leaves behind. Necaise recalled, "I leave behind a family at Hancock that I have known for many years. Some of my teammates and I have been together since the seventh grade like Letisha Shiyou, Rachel Necaise, and Kayla Stephenson. It is going to be very difficult to leave because of all the wonderful experiences that I have had here. However, I have a great opportunity in Memphis and I am looking forward to it."

So true, the experiences that Devin Necaise has given the fans of Hancock County will be remembered for years to come. To be honest, when I found out that a ninth grader was going to lead the point four years ago in Kiln, I was concerned. It made me wonder how quickly can a younger player mature. Boy, was I wrong! Devin Necaise quickly showed the others how quickly they needed to catch up.

If work ethic and determination have anything to do with it - watch out University of Memphis! Congratulations, Devin!

Peterman

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jump to the pros after his senior season is complete, which is a very real possibility, he will be the fourth player active in professional football from Hancock

County. Other current pro football players hailing from the area are Green Bay All-Pro quarterback Brett Favre (Hancock North Central), Tennessee Titans

rookie free safety Tank Williams (Bay High), and CFL standout Shannon Garrett (St. Stanislaus).

Rocks rout Tigers 9-0 in first round soccer action

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws disposed of the McComb Tigers early in their first round game on Monday at the Brother Philip Memorial Athletic Complex 9-0.

The outcome was decided in minutes, literally. Three goals were scored by SSC in two minutes which set the tone for the game. The Rocks pressured the McComb goal and its keeper Dylan Boyd. Four players scored two goals each in the contest. Those scoring twice were Jeremy Lewis, Elias Alam, Patrick Donohoe, and Jeremy Keller.

Senior Jeremy Lewis started the rout with a shot just outside the left post. Sophomore Elias Alam headed the second shot past Boyd before going one-on-

one with the keeper for the third score.

Lewis was again in the right place as he made the score 4-0 later in the period.

Patrick Donohoe kept the pressure on the Tigers as he headed in the first of his two goals to make the score 5-0. The final score of the first half came on a left-footed rocket from Donohoe just inside the penalty box.

SSC head coach Andy Kivlan stated, "We kept the pressure on McComb's end of the field. That is the way we like to play. We want to force their defense to make mistakes and create the scoring opportunities from that pressure. McComb liked to play the long ball and our defense was ready for that. Our defensive stoppers Beau Brodtmann, Jeremy Boelte, Josh Lingsch, Trey Treutel,

Heath Hansell, and Will Boxx were focused on defense."

Jeremy Keller added two quick goals to start the second half and push the score to 8-0 before Austin Boudreau finished off the scoring.

McComb was held to just two scoring opportunities which goalie Todd Farrar handled. Farrar has been in goal for 11 of the team's 16 shutouts this year.

The 21-2-1 Rocks will play the winner of the Laurel/George County game. If Laurel wins, SSC will host the game. If George County comes out on top, the Rocks will travel.

SSC finished up the regular season on January 25 with a 5-0 win against Stone County. Jeremy Lewis and Cody Cannon each scored twice.

Cranford scores hat trick for OLA

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Our Lady Academy Crescents easily advanced toward a possible unprecedented fourth consecutive state soccer title on Tuesday. The Crescents defeated the Resurrection Eagles 5-1 in high school soccer action.

Rachel Cranford led the way with the hat trick while Kara Harshbarger and Laura Ellis each added a score.

Cranford led off the scoring early in the first half ripping the net on a breakaway. Laura Ellis beat double coverage to give OLA a 2-0 advantage about 3:10 later in the half.

Harshbarger added her goal less than a minute later. OLA athletic director Steve Reboul added, "Resurrection played a very tough game. We feel fortunate to come away with the win against Resurrection. Now, we are looking forward to our next game on Saturday which will be a tough road test for us."

The Eagles led the second half off with a goal to cut the lead to 3-1. That spurred Cranford and the

rest of the Crescents to put the game out of reach. Cranford completed the hat trick in the second half en route to the final decision.

The 16-2-4 Crescents will take to the road on Saturday against the winner of the Newton County/North Pike game.

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For more than 38 years, the world has watched Osmond develop from a cherubic little boy singing on TV with his older brothers to a seasoned performer who always has the power to amaze.

His first appearance was on TV's The Andy Williams Show on December 10, 1963, one day after his sixth birthday. Pop music has gone through seismic changes in the intervening years, and Donny has moved with the times.

By the time he was a teenager he had become one of the most popular and successful stars in the history of pop music. In the 1970s, between his own and the Osmond Brothers recordings, he was awarded 18 gold records. With his brothers, he enjoyed a No. 1 hit with "One Bad Apple" and such blockbusters as "Yo-Yo" and "Down By the Lazy River." On his own, Osmond hit No. 1 with "Go Away Little Girl," and made the top 10 with "Hey Girl" and memorable covers of Paul Anka's "Puppy Love," Roy



Donny Osmond

Orbison's "Sweet and Innocent" and Johnny Mathis' "The Twelfth of Never."

In the 1980s, he spent several years honing his talents as performer and producer, working with the likes of Jeff Beck, Boy George and Chicago. In 1987, Peter Gabriel invited him to record at his studio

in Bath, England. The resulting demos recharged Osmond's recording career, catching fire with the release in 1989 of "Soldier of Love."

Generating new heat in his singing career, he took another important creative step and began taking acting classes. Without realizing it, he was preparing for

one of the greatest successes of his entire career, a Canadian and U.S. tour in the title role of

Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and Sir Tim Rice's musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Although he would have to put everything else on hold, the calculated risk turned into a rewarding, triumphant six-year association. To date, the Joseph original cast recording is quadruple platinum in Canada and recently went gold in the U.S. Last year, the film version of the musical, starring Donny, premiered to stellar ratings on PBS's Great Performances series.

With his sister Marie, Donny had a third wave of hit records and enjoyed yet another kind of success co-hosting a weekly variety TV series.

Donny returned to TV in 1998 with Marie, co-hosting the daytime talk show *Donny and Marie* that enjoyed solid ratings for two seasons. He also released several new albums, including his most recent "Somewhere In Time," that went platinum in just eight days.

Now 45 years old, Donny has been married to his wife Debbie for 25 years, and is also the father of five boys, ranging from 24-year-old Don Jr. to 5-year-old Joshua. Don't miss Donny Osmond at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis February 7 & 8 at 9 p.m. Must be 21.

New exhibit 'ELVIS! Grace and Grit' to open at Old Capitol Museum in February

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The early years of the king of rock and roll are the subject of a new exhibit at the Old Capitol Museum of Mississippi History.

ELVIS! Grace and Grit features twenty-nine photographs from the CBS Television Photo Archive of Elvis in the early years of his rise to stardom. The exhibit opens Saturday, February 1, and will remain through Sunday, March 30.

On Friday, January 31, at 6 p.m. the Old Capitol will offer a first look at the show with a '50s-themed preview party, co-sponsored by the Crossroads Film Society.

At 7 p.m. the classic Elvis movie *King Creole* will be shown.

"This is an exciting exhibit that will appeal to a wide range of people," said Old Capitol Museum director Lucy Allen. "ELVIS! Grace and Grit is an important behind-the-scenes look at the early career of Mississippi's most famous native son, and we're proud to have the exhibit make its national debut at the Old Capitol Museum." Saturdays throughout



Elvis! Grace and Grit opens Saturday at the Old Capitol Museum in Jackson.

February and March at 1:30 p.m. the hour-long documentary *Elvis '56* will be shown in the House of Representatives Chamber at the Old Capitol Museum. The film spotlights Elvis in 1956, the year he went from being a regional curiosity to a national star with multiple

gold records, Hollywood movie contract, and a growing legion of hysterically adoring fans.

Both the exhibit and film showings are free of charge. The Old Capitol Museum of Mississippi History, a National Historic Landmark, is located in Jackson on State Street at

Capitol. Museum hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday; and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

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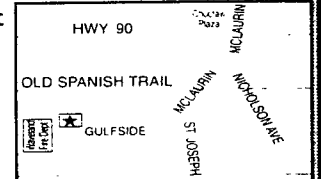
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Most Americans now can prepare and file their taxes online for free

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The Treasury Department, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) launched a new Web site featuring private-sector partners that will allow most taxpayers to prepare and file their taxes online for free.

A substantial majority of citizens will be eligible to use this service at www.irs.gov or through www.firstgov.gov.

President Bush proposed free online tax filing last February as one of his initiatives.

Less than one year later, millions of Americans will benefit from free online tax filing services.

Treasury, OMB and IRS have made this possible through a public-private partnership with a consortium of tax software companies, the Free File Alliance, LLC.

Free File is an easy, fast

and secure way for citizens to file taxes and will also allow Americans to get refunds in half the time. The efficiency of E-file saves taxpayers and the IRS money.

"No one likes paying taxes - it's too confusing and time consuming. The launch of this new website is great news for millions of Americans. Free File makes it easy. Now they can save time, money and get their refunds in half the time by filing their taxes online for free," stated Acting Treasury Secretary Kenneth W. Dam.

"Simply paying taxes is burden enough without the extra costs in time and professional help that too many Americans have endured until now. The advent of free, fast filing for a substantial majority of taxpayers marks a great breakthrough for the President's agenda to make the federal government put the needs of the citizen first," said

Director of the OMB Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.

"Free File puts e-file within reach of more taxpayers than ever. They'll soon discover what the 47 million taxpayers who e-filed last year already know. E-file is quicker. E-file is more accurate. E-file is the best way to confirm the IRS received your return, and it's the fastest route to a refund," said IRS Acting Commissioner Robert Wenzel.

Each Free File Alliance member company sets taxpayer eligibility requirements for its own program. These requirements will differ from company to company. Generally, eligibility will be based on factors such as age, adjusted gross income, state residency, military status or eligibility to file a Form 1040EZ or for the Earned Income Tax Credit.

The agreement requires the Alliance, as a whole, to provide free services for at least 60 percent or 78 mil-

lion of the nation's taxpayers during each filing season. As of January 16, 2003, the industry has exceeded that requirement. The number may fluctuate throughout the filing season as Alliance membership and offers change. The primary candidates for Free File are those taxpayers who prepare their own taxes and still file paper returns.

Last filing season, the IRS received nearly 85 million paper returns and nearly 47 million e-filed returns.

E-government is an integral part of the President's Management Agenda to make it easier for citizens and businesses to interact with the government, save taxpayer dollars and streamline citizen-to-government transactions.

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OLA Pepsi Students



Our Lady Academy's Pepsi Students of the Month for the month of November are: (left to right) Julie Reboul, senior; Emma Carver, junior; Christy Gleber, sophomore; Kaylee Schmitt, freshman; Anna Sharp, 8th grade; and Megan Chevis, 7th grade.



Our Lady Academy's Pepsi Students of the Month for the month of December are: (front, left to right) Laurie Benvenuti, sophomore; Clare Adam, senior; and Whitney Lyons, freshman; (back) Amy Ashley, 8th grade, and Katherine Currie, 7th grade. Sarah Crowe, junior, is absent from the picture.

Waveland Little League meeting

Waveland Little League is having its general membership meeting for the purpose of elections and possible constitution change on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. in the Civic Center.

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TOPS 233 WAVELAND
TOPS 233 met Tuesday, January 21 at the Waveland Methodist Church on Vacation Lane and Central Avenue.

Chapter members welcomed new members Stephen, Dee, Diana and Rose. The gift was won by Gwen. The Incentive was won by Beverly.

TOPS' best loser for the week was Elaine. Youth top

loser was Stephon. Gwen presented the program.

TOPS 233 meets every Tuesday at the Waveland Methodist Church. Weigh-

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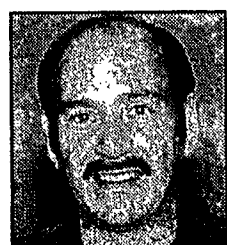
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Health departments set to receive smallpox vaccine

BY MATT VOLZ
Associated Press Writer
JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Southern states' health departments will soon receive thousands of doses of the smallpox vaccine, and public health workers are making final preparations and advising potential volunteers before beginning inoculation programs.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention began releasing the vaccine last week for more than 400,000 emergency workers across the country. It's the first phase of the federal government's vaccination program, which is meant to ensure the ability to respond to a bioterrorism attack of smallpox.

The last reported natural case of smallpox occurred in Somalia in 1977. The last case in the United States was more than 50 years ago. Routine vaccinations here stopped in 1972, but the vaccination program was reintroduced in December by the government.

Health department workers have been lining up hospitals and volunteers and holding training and information sessions on the vaccination process, which has already begun in other

parts of the country.

They're also addressing fears. The vaccine itself can cause serious reactions and even death in a small percentage of its recipients, and some health care workers and hospitals have refused to take part.

There is also the risk of exposing family members and patients who have weakened immune systems to the virus, health officials say. If the vaccination site is properly dressed and bandaged, and the volunteer is a scrupulous hand scrubber, then there should be no problem, health officials say. Workers who have been immunized need not even miss work.

But the risks are greater for family members and patients who are AIDS and HIV positive, recent transplant recipients, suffer leukemia, eczema or have any other number of conditions that would weaken the immune system.

"There is a lot of fear and concern," said Dr. Rathel "Skip" Nolan, associate professor of medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center's Division of Infectious Diseases. "The possibility exists to pass on the disease to immuno-com-

promised patients."

Nolan said UMC had been allocated 300 vaccine doses but just 75 people had officially volunteered. One of them is Nolan.

"If we don't get adequate numbers of people, we'll just carry on as best as we can," he said. "It's hard to know the right thing to do. Are preventive measures a waste of time? We just, in a lot of ways, feel like we don't know what the risks are."

That concern has been voiced to health departments, where officials say they are trying to provide the hospitals with as much accurate and unbiased information about the risks as they can. The Georgia Division of Public Health is taking a cautious approach in the first phase. It will vaccinate just 200 people in and around Atlanta and evaluate the results before widening the program, according to spokesman Richard Quartarone.

Some hospitals in Georgia have refused to take part in the program, including Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, the home of the CDC.

"We're leaving a lot to the discretion of the hospitals because it's so sensi-

tive," Quartarone said. "There's a risk and it's a very legitimate concern."

Mississippi's Department of Health expects to receive about 6,000 doses of the vaccine this week. Health department teams will be vaccinated the first week of February, followed by hospital teams, according to Dr. K. Mills McNeill, the department's medical director for bioterrorism preparedness.

About 90 Mississippi hospitals have been identified as potential participants.

"Frankly, we don't yet have a list of hospitals that will be participating," McNeill said. "It's a voluntary program on the part of the hospitals and we will accommodate them at the speed they make themselves available."

Alabama health officials are advising that if somebody has a family member at home with low immunity or eczema, "That person should not be vaccinated," said Dr. Jim McVay, director of health promotion and chronic diseases at the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Alabama will receive 12,000 doses of the vaccine for the first phase, McVay

said. About 9,000 volunteers have been identified to this point, he said.

Florida's Department of Health announced Friday that it would order 33,000 doses of the vaccine. It

plans to begin vaccinations on Feb. 10.

"In the absence of a known threat, we're advising very aggressive screening," said spokesman Rob Hayes.



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Open-gov. bills moving through legislature

**BY EMILY WAGSTER
PETTUS**
Associated Press Writer

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — As the Vicksburg Post's managing editor, Charlie Mitchell fields questions from people upset with unresponsive government agencies.

Usually, the people have tried repeatedly to get answers about this rule or that regulation, and they don't know where to turn.

"A lot of times when you're in the newspaper, people call you in frustration after they've exhausted trying to get an answer out of state government," Mitchell said.

Proposed legislation could help end some of the confusion.

The Administrative Procedures Act, which cleared the House last week and awaits Senate committee action, would require the secretary of state's office to compile a registry of all state agencies' rules and regulations.

The act also would force agencies to give more notice and allow more public comment about proposed rule changes.

Lawmakers this session also are considering bills to strengthen the state Open Meetings Act.

One measure would impose a \$100 fine, plus legal fees, on public boards that "willfully and knowingly" violate rules requiring most meetings to remain open.

Another bill would make the open meetings law apply to videoconferences or teleconferences of public boards.

Both open meetings bills have passed the House Judiciary B Committee and await consideration by the full House.

Open-government advocacy groups such as the Mississippi Center for Freedom of Information, the Mississippi Press Association and Common Cause are among those lobbying for the open meetings bills and the Administrative Procedures Act.

Similar bills have died in previous years.

House Judiciary B Chairman Ed Blackmon, D-Canton, said he has the same concerns this year that he had last year about setting fines and allowing payment of legal fees for open meetings violations. He said he let the bill pass his committee this year because he wants the entire House to have a chance to consider it.

He said the \$100 fine doesn't sound like much, but cities, counties and school boards could face unknown legal costs, possibly thousands of dollars, from having to defend themselves if they're sued.

Newspapers and television stations frequently are the ones to sue over open meetings disputes.

Common Cause lobbyist Barbara Powell said the \$100 fine was chosen to match the penalty that's been on the books for a violation of the Mississippi Open Records Act.

"We wanted to say we've already had this in law for 20 years, it didn't cause a lot of lawsuits," Powell said.

Current state law gives chancery courts the right to enforce open meetings laws but sets no civil penalty for violation. Mitchell, president of the Mississippi Press Association, said the law needs teeth.

"It's a good law, but without an enforcement provision, it gives the public a right but no remedy," Mitchell said.

Eric Dickey, a Biloxi City Council member, said public boards should govern themselves to make sure they follow the Open Meetings Act. The law allows boards to close meetings for a few specific reasons, including discussions of pending litigation or personnel matters. The boards must state their reasons for closing the meetings.

Dickey said public boards should avoid actions "that may be a hindrance and may cause the public to lose trust."

"Bottom line, that's what

it boils down to: the public not losing trust," Dickey said.

A bill to set fines and fees on open meetings violations died last year when House and Senate negotiators couldn't agree on a final version.

Lt. Gov. Amy Tuck, who presides over the Senate, said she would talk to Senate Judiciary Chairman Bennie Turner, D-West Point, to let him know she supports the proposed change.

"We need to do whatever it takes to ensure that we have openness in government," Tuck said last week.

She said she also supports the Administrative Procedures Act, which passed the Senate last year but died in the House Judiciary A Committee.

Rep. Cecil Brown, D-Jackson, is the act's primary sponsor this session. He said the proposal would make government more user-friendly.

Brown said, for example, that an out-of-state developer who wants to build a new business in Mississippi might have to call several state agencies to learn about rules that could affect him.

If there were a central registry of rules, the developer could check several agencies' rules in one place.

People often ask government agencies to interpret certain rules or regulations, but the agencies' interpretations are not binding, Brown said. That means an agency could give a person one answer but later say the interpretation might not have been correct.

The Administrative Procedures Act would make the agencies' interpretations of their own rules binding, so people would be treated consistently.

Some agency leaders say the Act would be burdensome to enforce and could lead to outside micromanagement of the agencies.

"My answer is, 'So what?'" Brown said. "They work for the taxpayers."

Mitchell said strengthen-

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 307

CHAPTER 307
TOPS MS 307, Bay St. Louis, met Wednesday, Jan. 22 in Triumphant Christian Church, 1807 Waveland Ave., Waveland with nine members were present. Sherri was top KOPS. Mabel led a discussion on eight great reasons to exer-

cise. The chapter meets every Wednesday at Triumphant Christian Church, 1807 Waveland Ave., Suite A, Waveland. Weigh-in is 4:50 p.m. with the meeting following. Anyone interested in losing weight is welcome. Call

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Dr. John Harding receives Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award

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STENNIS SPACE CENTER, Miss. - Dr. John M. Harding made significant contributions to Naval research during the past seven years, and because of these contributions, he was awarded the third highest award a Naval civilian employee can earn - the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

This award is presented for extraordinary service, specific achievements and/or accomplishments, or heroism in a life-threatening situation.

Dr. Harding's award recognized his distinguished fulfillment of all duties while serving as Head, Ocean Dynamics and Prediction Branch with the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL).

The citation reads, "In recognition of his meritorious achievement and dedication to the United States Navy and the Naval Research Laboratory while serving as the Head of the Ocean Dynamics and Prediction Branch since 1995. Because of Dr. Harding's dedication and vision, the Branch is a world leader in global ocean modeling and prediction, and continues to be at the forefront of important research relevant to the operational missions of the United States Navy."

Dr. Harding guided his team with an integrated research strategy that made the Branch a world leader in real-time oceanographic analysis and prediction.

"Most of the current operational oceanographic analysis and model products provided to the fleet are from systems developed in Dr. Harding's Branch," said Dr. William Jobst, Superintendent of NRL's Oceanography Division. "This award is a testament to John's dedication to NRL

research plans that began in the 1980s and were brought to fruition in the 1990s."

Dr. Harding arrived at NRL in 1976 (then known as the Naval Ocean Research and Development Activity) as an oceanographer, progressed to Head, Coastal and Semi Enclosed Seas Section in 1989, and then to Head of the Ocean Dynamics and Prediction Branch in 1995.

One of his most impressive accomplishments was his combination of skillful management techniques and tireless effort in integrating the 6.2 ONR Navy Ocean Modeling and Prediction research program with the 6.4 SPAWAR-funded operational transition efforts.

"Dr. Harding worked closely with the program managers to assure the programs were tightly coordinated to provide the best chance for rapid transitions to the fleet," said Jobst.

This included organizing the yearly program reviews which brought together sponsors, customers, and researchers to insure the program was meeting the needs of the operational Navy.

Under his direction, many important transitions of operational systems to the fleet have occurred, including:

- The Altimeter Processing System (ALPS) that provides accurate satellite altimeter sea surface height (SSH) data from operational altimeters to navy oceanography analysis and prediction systems,

"Perhaps the single most significant advance in mesoscale oceanography within the last 15 years," remarked Jobst.

- The Polar Ice Prediction System (PIPS), worlds' first coupled ice/ocean prediction system, runs daily at the Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center and is used by the NOAA/Navy Joint Ice Center for ice edge, concentration, thickness and drift.

- The Modular Data Assimilation System (MODAS) is a 3-D ocean analysis system running operationally at the Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO), Navy Operational Regional Centers, and planned for surface ships and submarines.

This system provides analysis of ocean temperature, salinity and sound speed (a central element in acoustic performance prediction on all anti-submarine and undersea warfare platforms). Graphical output from this system can be found on www.ocean.nrlssc.navy.mil.

- The NRL Layered Ocean Model (NLOM), the world's first operational, global eddy-resolving ocean circulation prediction system, assimilates real-time satellite altimeter SSH and provides the Navy with skillful, 15-30 day global, front, and eddy forecasts.

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fisheries services, and researchers around the world.

- The Integrated Ocean Prediction System (IOPS) provides wave and surf nowcasts and forecasts for the fleet with deep water wave models providing boundary conditions to shallow water wave models and ultimately wave spectra information for the Navy Standard Surf Model.

The system also includes tide models to provide accurate information on surface elevation that improves the performance of the wave and surf products. IOPS is designed as a relocatable system that can be used in any operational area required by the fleet.

Dr. Harding earned his bachelor's degree in physics (Magna Cum Laude) from the University of Miami in 1970, his master's degree in marine science (with an emphasis on physical oceanography) from Scripps Institution of Oceanography in 1971, and his Doctorate in Marine Science (with an emphasis on coastal and estuarine oceanography, and numerical modeling) from Louisiana State University in 1987.

While with NRL, Dr. Harding received numerous achievement and performance awards. He is a world-renowned author of scientific and technical publications, and is a member of various scientific societies and organizations such as the American Geophysical Union, The Oceanography Society, the European Geophysical Society, and Sigma XI.

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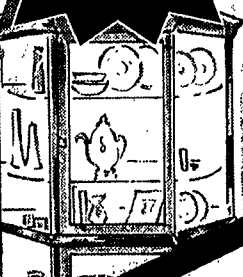


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MILITARY TRANSFERRED Overseas, must sell, 2001 Dodge Dakota, 4-door, crew cab, V-6, auto, sharp. Take on notes of \$249., customer put \$10,000 down, consignment. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picayune. 1-800-798-9133.

143 Real Estate Services

"All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act; which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis."

FOUND A HOME? NEED A LOAN? Free pre-approval. Know your price range before you shop. Quick closings. FHA, VA, conventional loans. (Mortgage Matters, Inc.) Call Howard Crocker, 228-806-8121.

146 Rooms For Rent

REDUCED RATE FOR FAST RENT-AL spacious A/C room at Carroll House. frig, TV, phone, &/other extras. Good neighborhood. \$300/month. 467-6713.

147 Apartments For Rent

1 BEDROOM, ALL ELECTRIC. Carpet, stove, refrigerator, water included. 100" B. Blaize Ave., BSL, \$350/month, \$300/deposit. Pet/free. Lease required. 463-0043, 467-3935.

1e MOVES YOU IN!! Call Signature Lake Apartments for details. 452-9901.

2 BEDROOM APT. FOR RENT. 1 bathroom, washer/dryer hookups, total electric, \$500 per month + deposits (228)586-0053

2 BEDROOM DUPLEX, 2 FULL Baths. Utility room with hook-ups. 1 year lease. \$550.00 includes water. 322 Old Spanish Trail, Waveland. 467-3601.

2BR/1BA COMPLETELY FURNISHED Waveland, apt. Includes water/cable, indoor pool. 1 block from beach. Pet free. \$650/month. (985)641-5514

4BR/2BA, ALSO 2BR/1BA Apartments available. Pet free environment. Water included. Security, rent deposit, year lease required. Call 467-9630.

The Waverly Apartments

NOW LEASING

Brand New!! 1, 2 & 3 BR's

New Special 30% Deposit 1 Month Rent FREE

(228) 463-2635

BEAUTIFUL, SAFE, LARGE 2 BR. apartment in a secure neighborhood. Wrap around porch, large kitchen, large living room, large dining room. 502 Sunset, B.S.L. \$585/month plus deposit. 467-2562.

DOWNTOWN B.S.L.: 131 MAIN ST, upstairs, 2br, unfurnished. \$500/mo. rent, \$500/deposit. 255-0924.

FOR RENT: 1 BEDROOM Furnished apartment. Call A.J. 467-8401.

FURNISHED ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT, all utilities furnished w/cable tv. Quiet neighborhood, can walk to shopping center, \$100/deposit, \$125/week. 467-2189 or 463-0074.

LIVE FREE IN WAVELAND under new management Oak Park Apartments offers 2 months free rent to qualified applicants. 467-6882

NEW DUPLEX 2BR/1BA. CUSTOM cabinets, ceramic tile, Berber carpet. \$650/mo. 547-7023.

NEW YEAR'S SPECIAL \$99 MOVE IN, 1-2-3 Bedrooms. Pelican Pointe Apts 467-3388

SMALL STUDIO APT. NEAR MAGIC \$435/mo includes utilities. 228-669-8324.

SPACIOUS 2BR APARTMENT w/loft, w/d, new carpet/paint. \$590/mo+\$590dep. Also 1br. cotage. \$390/mo+\$390dep. Both walking distance to beaches/downtown BSL. Available Feb. 1st. 228-469-0821.

VERY NICE 1 BEDROOM, central a/h, off street parking, water paid. \$360/mo. \$300/dep. 515 State St., off Dunbar, BSL. 452-4700.

WATERFRONT: 1500 SQ.FT. APT. Dining-room, 2 bedroom, new kitchen appliance, new carpet/flooring, large decks, pet free, drug free, \$650/month+deposit. 467-6849.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

2 BEDROOMS HEAT/AIR, ALL electric. Standard Dedeaux Road. 255-7480

2BR/1BA TRAILER FOR RENT IN Kiln, Pet/free. 255-9397.

FOR RENT: 1 BEDROOM TRAILER, cable, utilities furnished. \$100/week, \$100/deposit. 463-1872.

FOR RENT: 2 BEDROOM TRAILER, cable, utilities furnished. \$150/week, \$300/deposit. 463-1872.

TWO BEDROOM HOUSE AND ONE bedroom trailer. Pet free. 493-5799 or 255-7431

TWO BEDROOM ONE BATH \$360 per month. 228-760-2205.

TWO BEDROOM ONE BATH \$415 per month. 228-760-2205.

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

REPO: DOUBLEWIDE, LIKE NEW. Lenders must sell. \$25,000 985-727-3052

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

1BR HOUSE, CENTRAL A/H. BAY Side Park. Call 1-985-290-8792. \$400/month. Deposit required.

2BR 1BA HOUSE IN BAY ST. Louis. \$500/month. \$500/security deposit. (985)502-5921

2BR/1BA NEW CONSTRUCTION in county. \$600/month. \$600/deposit. 467-5601

2BR/1BA, 1700 SQ.FT. LIVING, with large porch, ac/heat. \$775/month, water paid. 5201 Bodge St. Clermont Harbor. 504-908-3754/cell, 504-833-7027.

2BR/1BA, FENCED YARD \$600/MO Call 466-6600.

2BR/1BA, LIVING, KITCHEN, Dining utility, and hobby rooms, air/heat, partially fenced yard, garage porch. Near beach. Pet/free. Year lease. 504-341-9504.

2BR/2BA HOME IN DIAMONDHEAD 98170 Golf Club Dr. \$850. Call owner/agent at 255-7702.

2BR/2BA ON WATER. \$575/month, \$500/deposit. Pet free. 466-3885.

B.S.L. LARGE 1BR/1BA COTTAGE: Ac/heat, appliances, hook ups, pet/smoke free. \$425/mo. \$425/dep. Sailfish Realty. 466-9947.

BOAT LOVERS DREAM: Private launch and dock. 2/1, newly renovated, all new appliances including w/d. \$550./per month, \$400./deposit. Call 463-9212.

FOR RENT. 2 BEDROOM 1 BATH Located on the water, fenced yard. \$500 1 month \$250 deposit. Pet free. 467-2272.

FOR RENT: 3BR/2BA., new construction, 168 & 172 Felicity, \$775.; 803 Spanish Acres Dr. 3BR/2BA \$600/month; 405-A Citizen St. Townhome. 3BR/2-1/2BA \$850. Call Chari at McIntyre Rapp Real Estate, 467-3777.

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA FROM \$750 per month. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

SHOTGUN: OLD TOWN B.S.L. \$450/mo. 2br/1ba. Utilities & deposit. Available 02-01-03. 466-0135.

SKYLINE DR. RAISED 3BR/2BA Cent/a/h, carpet, w/d hookup \$725+dep. evenings 228-467-7142.

VERY SPECIAL 2BR/2BA HOME, high ceilings, beaded board & porches & decks0 Just outside the city limits on 5 acres. Cntl heat/air. 467-0600

WAVELAND NEAR THE BEACH: Market St. 1400+/3br/1 1/2ba/cent h&a. Wash/dry conn/patio/car port/quiet. \$700/mo/\$600/dep. H. Wheeler Realty Svc. 228-547-9208.

151 Furn. Houses Rent

2 BEDROOM, OFF BEACH IN Clermont Harbor, 100 year old cottage with screened porch, furnished. \$550./month. 504-250-3364.

156 Lots/Acreage

FOR SALE: 6 LOTS: 2 on Beverly, 2 on Clara. 50X100 + 2 on Cadillac Dr. 50X122. (504)393-1334 or 504-460-0015

OWNER FINANCE: NICE BUILDING LOT, Pine Ridge, Waveland. \$19,000. Gold Coast, 228-467-4479.

WHITE CYPRESS LAKES: OWNER financing. Beautiful acreage lots, waterfront, trailer lots, pool, clubhouse, tennis courts, and fishing. Ten miles east of I-59. Carriere exit. Thirty miles from Bay St. Louis 228-255-1790.

158 Commercial Property

1700 SQ. FT. HOUSE BUILD 1898 on 150'x140' lot, fenced. 311 Ulman Ave., B.S.L. 601-798-3035.

2 COMMERCIAL LOTS FOR SALE 100'x200' total, on Hwy 603 \$43,900 for both. 467-9545 or 466-2505.

4000-6000 SQUARE FEET. 70 cents per square foot per month. 467-3560

COMPLETELY REMODELED: 1200 sq. ft. office, on Hwy. 90. B.S.L. \$850/month. 467-5011.

DANCE STUDIO SPACE AVAILABLE for sublease. Great for Karate, Yoga, etc. 1500 square feet. 467-3560

158 Commercial Property

OFFICE & RETAIL SPACE available: Choctaw Village, Waveland Ms. Phone 228-255-4396 or Pager 228-883-8554.

PRUDENTIAL GARDNER: Excellent office location, 1015 Hwy. 90. 2 units available. Close to Hancock Medical Center. Terms negotiable. Call for info./appointment. 467-1602.

UPSTAIRS SPACE AVAILABLE: 131 Main St., B.S.L. \$500/month, \$500/deposit. 255-0924.

159 Houses For Sale

2 BLOCKS FROM BEACH: \$79,500! Classic 100 year old cottage with screened front porch. 2 bedrooms. Clermont Harbor. Owner/Agent 504-250-3364.

4BR HOUSE, 2,443 SQ. FT. 118 Grass St. Idlewood Subdivision, Waveland. Reduced. 467-3601, or 255-5326, 341-3601.

CUTE, CUTE, CUTE! Total Remodel! Everything new! 3BR/2BA near beach, Waveland. Large lot, quiet street. 410 West 4th. \$87,000. (985)863-3020.

FOR SALE: 3BR/2BA HOUSE, WBFP, over 1300sq.ft., nice quiet location in Waveland. \$95,000. Call 467-9750.

I WILL PAY TOP \$ FOR YOUR PROPERTY, any condition. Will pay all closing costs. Agents protected. O/A. (504)908-7653.

NEW CONSTRUCTION 3BR/2BA 1825 sq ft. 705 Cedar St., Waveland. 467-3601 or 341-3601.

OWNER FINANCING: ACRE PLUS Pompano St., off St. Joseph, Waveland. 3br/2bath, under construction, brick, fireplace, cathedral ceiling. Cost \$125,000., \$6,000 down. Gold Coast, 228-467-4479.

WALK TO BEACH: 1 ACRE PLUS. 1br/1ba, new a/c. \$57,300. 120 Cedar Point Road off Dunbar. Gold Coast, 228-467-4479.

Public Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
LENORA BILBO PLAINTIFF
VS.
RICHARD DIDSBURY DEFENDANT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 02-0103

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
To RICHARD DIDSBURY
Address unknown
You have been made a Defendant in the Complaint filed in this Court by Lenora Bilbo, seeking damages for an automobile accident that occurred on August 31, 2001, in Hancock County, Mississippi.

You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Petition to R. Hayes Johnson, Jr., attorney for Plaintiff, whose mailing address is 1918 15th Street, Gulfport, MS 39501, and whose telephone number is (228) 822-0016. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS ON YOU. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT OF DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED BY THE PETITION. You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time thereafter.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court this 13 day of January, 2003.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF THE MINOR CHILDREN IDENTIFIED IN THE PETITION
Cause No. 2002-24A
REVEREND BENJAMIN KELSEY ROBINSON, JR.
GINGER LYDIA ELIZABETH ROBINSON
To Mark Anthony Hayes, Jr.
You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the clerk of the above-named court the petition of Reverend Benjamin Robinson, Jr. and Ginger Robinson to adopt Marquan Orion Hayes and Mariah Alexis Hayes on February 28, 2003, 9:00 am at the Hancock County Court-house in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, Hancock County, and unless you appear at such date and place and make objection to the petition, the decree of adoption may be granted as requested. Dated: 1/21/03
01/16; 01/23; 02/06; 02/13/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
AUDREY N. SCHMIDT, DECEASED,
ROBERT WILLIAM SCHMIDT, PETITIONER
NO. 2002-642
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given upon this day, Letters Testamentary having been issued to the undersigned upon the Estate of AUDREY N. SCHMIDT, deceased, being Executor in Cause Number 2002-642 on docket of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and they must probate and register their claims against said estate within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Failure to do so will forever bar said claims. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 12 day of Dec. A.D. 2002.

ROBERT WILLIAM SCHMIDT

PAMELA L. CASTLE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 49
HATTIESBURG, MS 39403
(601) 582-4384
MSB NO. 9829
01/30; 02/06; 02/13/03

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAZEL GENOVESE PINKERTON
CAUSE NO. 2002-943
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: (A) Heirs at Law of Hazel Genovese Pinkerton:

You have been made defendants in the suit filed in this Court by Grady E. Pinkerton, Sr., Grady E. Pinkerton, Jr., Julie P. Choate, Jerry M. Pinkerton and Susan P. Scott, plaintiffs, seeking to adjudicate the heirs at law of Hazel Genovese Pinkerton. You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 a.m. on the 18th day of February, 2003, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Chancery Clerk at 306 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi #9520 and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 5th day of January, 2003.

Timothy A. Keller
Chancery Clerk
By Pamela Cuevas, DC
01/16; 01/23; 01/30; 02/06/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF LUCILLE URSULA HOGAN KELLER A/K/A LUCILLE HOGAN KELLER and OSCAR WILLIAM KELLER, SR. A/K/A OSCAR WILLIAM KELLER
CAUSE NO. 2003-19
ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
Letters testamentary having been granted on the 10th day of January, 2003, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estates of Lucille Ursula Hogan Keller, a/k/a Lucille Hogan Keller and Oscar William Keller, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 9 day of January, A.D. 2003

GAIL BOURGEOIS
01/16; 01/23; 01/30/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROLAND ANTHONY SOLDINE, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 2003-24
EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
Letters testamentary having been granted on the 10 day of Jan., 2003, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Roland Anthony Soldine, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 10 day of January, A.D. 2003

HELEN W. SOLDINE
01/16; 01/23; 01/30/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ROSE YAMBRA, DECEASED
NO. 2003-32
LETTERS of Administration having been granted on the 14th day of January, 2003, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Mary Rose Yambra, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from date of first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. This 14th day of January, 2003.

JULIES J. YAMBRA, JR.,
Administrator of Estate
of Mary Rose Yambra, Deceased

FAVRE, GENIN & SCAFIDE
Attorneys at Law
P.O. Box 70
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
01/16; 01/23; 01/30/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ELIZABETH BEECH DESROCHE, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 2003-25
RULE SUMMONS
(Summons by Publication)
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
TO: THE HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY ELIZABETH BEECH DESROCHE, Deceased, who are believed to be non-residents of the State of Mississippi, and whose names, place of residence, post office and street address are unknown to the Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry made to ascertain the same; ANY AND ALL persons having or claiming any right, title or interest as Heirs of the Estate of Mary Elizabeth Beech Desroche, Deceased, whose present residence and address is unknown. YOU are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition to Adjudicate the Petitioner as the sole and only Heirs at law of Mary Elizabeth Beech Desroche, Deceased at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 20th day of February, 2003, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Court-house Annex at 306 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in the case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition to Adjudicate Heirs. YOU are not required to file an answer or other pleadings but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court, this 10th day of January, 2003. (SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR,
CHANCERY CLERK OF
HANCOCK COUNTY, MS
P.O. BOX 550,
BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39521
BY: PAMELA CUEVAS
DEPUTY CLERK

PREPARED BY:
Joseph Kelly, Attorney
827 Highway 80
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
Telephone (228) 467-3422
01/16; 01/23; 01/30; 02/06/03

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF
MARY ROSE YAMBRA, DECEASED
NO. 2003-32
Letters of Administration having been granted on the 14th day of January, 2003, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Mary Rose Yambra, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from date of first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. This 14th day of January, 2003.

JULIES J. YAMBRA

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ROSE YAMBRA, DECEASED
JULIANE YAMBRA LOTT
DAWAYNE ANTHONY YAMBRA PETITIONERS VS.
HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY ROSE YAMBRA, DECEASED
DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO. 2003-32
SUMMONS
 TO THE HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY ROSE YAMBRA, DECEASED, other than Petitioners, whose names, post office and street addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry. You have been made defendants in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Juliane Yambra, Jr., Julianne Yambra Lott and Dawayne Anthony Yambra, Petitioners, seeking adjudication and determination of the Heirs at Law of Mary Rose Yambra, deceased.

YOU are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock A.M. on the 27th day of February, 2003, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Annex at 306 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

YOU are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court this 21st day of January, 2003.

(SEAL)

Timothy A. Kellar
 Clerk of Court
 Pamela R. Cuevas
 Deputy Clerk
 01/23/01/30, 02/06/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
PAMELA DEDEUX BILBO
AND MICHAEL J. GILMORE, SR. PLAINTIFF VS.
FELIX SONIAT, JAMES A. LINDSAY, W.O. THORNTON, AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN BEING LOCATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
SOLD FOR 1970 TAXES
18, 1972
DEFENDANTS
 Lots 22, 23, 24 and 25, inclusive, Block 76, Bay St. Louis Land & Improvement Company's Subdivision of Bay St. Louis and Waveland, as per the official plat of said subdivision filed in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. Parcel No. 137N-035-119.

CAUSE NO. 2003-41
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
 TO FELIX SONIAT, if alive, who is believed to be non-residents of the state of Mississippi, whose last known place of residence, post office and street address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, his unknown heirs at law or devisees.

JAMES A. LINDSAY, if alive, who is believed to be non-residents of the state of Mississippi, whose last known place of residence, post office and street address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, his unknown heirs at law or devisees.

W.O. THORNTON, if alive, who is believed to be non-residents of the state of Mississippi, whose last known place of residence, post office and street address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, his unknown heirs at law or devisees.

ANY AND ALL PERSONS, having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in the following described property whose names, post office and street addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, who may be served with process of the Court by publication as prescribed by law.

YOU have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Pamela Dedoux Bilbo and Michael J. Gilmore, Sr., seeking tax sale confirmation in Lots 22, 23, 24 and 25, inclusive, Block 76, Bay St. Louis Land & Improvement Company's Subdivision of Bay St. Louis Land and Improvement Company's First Addition to Bay St. Louis and Waveland, as per the official plat of said subdivision filed in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. Parcel No. 137N-035-119.

YOU are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Joseph Kelly, attorney at law, whose mailing and street address is 827 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39520.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE JANUARY 23, 2003, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMAND IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the clerk of the Court within a reasonable time after said.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, this 23rd day of January, 2003.

(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK
 P.O. BOX 550, BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39521
 BY ERICA CANDEBAT, DEPUTY CLERK

PREPARED BY: Joseph Kelly, (MS Bar No. 9975)
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 827 Highway 90,
 Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
 Telephone (228) 467-3422
 01/23/01/30, 02/06/03

Bid Advertisement
 The Diamondhead Fire Protection District will be accepting sealed bids until 3 P.M. February 19, 2003 for one (1) complete breathing air cascade. Bid opening will be at the fire district meeting on February 20th, 2003.
 The cascade system shall consist of the following: Four (4) 6000 PSI air storage bottles with vertical storage rack. One (1) 6000 PSI single phase safety lift station, and one (1) 6000 PSI single phase electric air compressor. All fittings and filters required for grade E air should be included in bid price. The compressor should meet NFPA requirements for breathing air. The Fire District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All bids should be made good for sixty (60) days from bid opening.
 01/30, 02/02/03

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF MANUEL C. DELERNO, Deceased
AND BERNADETTE D. DELERNO, Deceased
THELMA H. DELERNO PETITIONER VS.
HEIRS AT LAW OF MANUEL C. DELERNO, Deceased
AND BERNADETTE D. DELERNO, Deceased
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2003-52
PUBLICATION SUMMONS

To HEIRS AT LAW OF MANUEL C. DELERNO, Deceased, and BERNADETTE D. DELERNO, Deceased.

(A) Unknown Heirs At Law of Manuel C. Delerno, Deceased and Bernadette D. Delerno, whose last known place of residence, post office address and street address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, if alive and if deceased, their heirs at law or devisees, whose last known places of residence, post office addresses, and street addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry.

(B) Any and all other persons having or claiming any right, title or interest in and to the hereinabove described property.

ONE CERTAIN LOT OF GROUND designated as Lot No. Ten (10) of Square Fourteen (14) of the VON DROZKOWSKY SUBDIVISION, Second Addition, at Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi. The said lot measures 50 feet front on Avenue "E", the same on the rear and measures in depth between equal and parallel lines 150 feet.

ONE CERTAIN LOT OF GROUND, designated as Lot No. Thirteen (13) of Square Fifteen (15), Second Addition, of the VON DROZKOWSKY SUBDIVISION, at Waveland, Mississippi and in accordance with a plan by John C. DeLerno, Civil Engineer dated June 1925, said lot has the following measurements: Lot No. 13 forms the corner of Avenue "E" and 7th Streets and measures 50 feet front on Avenue "E", the same on the rear and measure in depth between equal and parallel line 150 feet.

You have been made Defendants in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Thelma H. Delerno, whose mailing address is 1116 Cardinal Avenue, Metairie, LA 70003.

The Complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging legal ownership of the above described property and seeking to establish heirs and be placed in possession.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 28th day of February, 2003, before the Honorable Sanford R. Steckler in the courtroom of the Hancock County Court Annex at 306 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, if you fail to appear or respond, a judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

YOU are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. If you file an answer, you are required to mail or deliver a written response to the Petition filed against you in this action to Joseph Kelly, attorney at law, whose mailing address is 827 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39520. You must file the original of your response with the clerk of this Court the 21st day of January, 2003.

(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK
 BY LARRINELL SCARBOROUGH
 01/23/01/30, 02/06/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
VIVIAN M. GAUNT
RUBY C. LUKKE
CAROL C. RABOTEAU PLAINTIFFS VS.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF CLARA LOUISE FAIRCONNETTE OR ANYONE CLAIMING INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
LOTS 119 AND 115 OF THE 3RD ADDITION TO THE HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
Parcel #149M-130-107-000 DEFENDANTS
NO. 2003-57
RUL 81 SUMMONS
 (Summons By Publication)

TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF CLARA LOUISE FAIRCONNETTE, DECEASED ADDRESSES UNKNOWN, ET AL. You have been made Defendants in the suit filed in this Court in the matter of Complaint To Determine Heirs at Law of Clara Louise Fairconnette, Deceased, ADDRESSES UNKNOWN, ET AL.

YOU are summoned to appear and defend against said Complaint To Determine Heirs at Law of Clara Louise Fairconnette, Deceased, ADDRESSES UNKNOWN, ET AL. at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 17th day of March, 2003, in the Chancery Court of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money and other things demanded in the Complaint.

YOU are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under hand and the seal of said Court, this 23rd day of January, 2003.

(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi
 BY KIM BORAN, DEPUTY CLERK
 01/30, 02/06, 02/21/03

BIDS
 The Bay St. Louis Housing Authority is now accepting bids for grounds keeping and grass cutting duties for the year 2003 (March through October) at three (3) Sites located within the City limits of Bay St. Louis. Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M., Thursday, February 20, 2003. Bids to be opened at the Bay St. Louis Housing Authority, 601 Bienville St., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, where at that time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

On Thursday, February 6, 2003 at 10:00P.M. there will be a pre-bidding conference where all areas required to be included in each contractor's bid will be toured. The Conference and tour will start at the Central Office located at 601 Bienville St. Specifications available upon request from Carol Morris, Executive Director, Bay St. Louis Housing Authority.

All inquiries concerning the scope of work should be directed to Carol Morris, Executive Director, Bay St. Louis Housing Authority at (228)467-4545. The Bay St. Louis Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding.

Carol Morris
 Executive Director
 01/16, 01/23, 01/30/03

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
 WHEREAS, on December 22, 2000, Donald H. Fay and wife, Virginia D. Fay, executed a Deed of Trust to Lem Adams III, Trustee for the use and benefit of Option One Mortgage Corporation, which Deed of Trust is on file of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 615 at Page 343 thereof; and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to the First American Bank of Minnesota, NA, as Trustee for Registered Holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-A, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2001-A, by assignment on file of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 732 at Page 282 thereof; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust, and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust to do, notice is hereby given that I, Lem Adams, III, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, during the legal hours (between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.) at the North front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 31st day of January, 2003, the following described land and property being the same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi:

Lots 1, 2, 52, and 53, Block 51, Springwood Park Subdivision, Addition 1, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per map or plat of said subdivision on file of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good, and I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee.

WITNESS MY signature, on this the 3rd day of January, 2003.

LEM ADAMS, III
 TRUSTEE
 PREPARED BY: ADAMS & EDENS
 Foreclosure Department
 10000 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521
 (601) 825-9508
 01/09, 01/16, 01/23, 01/30/2003

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
CHARLES HOWELL AND WIFE BEVERLY HOWELL PLAINTIFFS VS.
LUIS R. MURILLO AND WIFE, GLORIA A. MURILLO, AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND WHICH SOLD FOR 1993 TAXES ON AUGUST 29, 1994
DEFENDANTS
 Lot 39 & 40, Block 712, SHORELINE PARK, UNIT 22. Map or plat of said Shoreline Park is on file of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, being parcel number 139H067M-135-042.

CAUSE NO. 2003-64
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
 TO: LUIS R. MURILLO and wife, GLORIA A. MURILLO, if alive, who is believed to be non-residents of the state of Mississippi, whose last known place of residence, post office and street address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, his unknown heirs at law or devisees.

ANY AND ALL PERSONS, having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in the following described property whose names, post office and street addresses are unknown to the Plaintiff after diligent search and inquiry, who may be served with process of the Court by publication as prescribed by law.

YOU have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Charles Howell and wife Beverly Howell seeking tax sale confirmation in Lots 39 & 40, Block 712, SHORELINE PARK, Unit 22, as per the official plat of said subdivision filed in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. Parcel No. 139H067M-135-042.

YOU are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Joseph Kelly, attorney at law, whose mailing address is 827 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39520. You must file the original of your response with the clerk of the Court within a reasonable time after said.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, this 28th day of January, 2003.

(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK
 BY ERICA CANDEBAT, DEPUTY CLERK

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
RUDOLPH C. ROSEMOND PLAINTIFF VS.
STEPHEN L. DUMESTRE
JEANNE FRANCOIS DUMESTRE
ANDREA MARIA PADILLA DEFENDANTS
CASE NO. 2003-67
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
 TO: (A) STEPHEN L. DUMESTRE, who is believed to be a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, whose last known place of residence, post office address, and street address was 3520 University Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70125, but whose present place of residence, post office address, and street address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, if alive and if deceased, her heirs at law or devisees, whose last known places of residence, post office addresses, and street addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry.

(B) ANDREA MARIA PADILLA, who is believed to be a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, whose last known place of residence, post office address and street address was 3520 University Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70125, but whose present place of residence, post office address and street address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, if alive and if deceased, her heirs at law or devisees, whose last known places of residence, post office addresses, and street addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry.

(C) ANDREA MARIA PADILLA, who is believed to be a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, whose last known place of residence, post office address and street address was 3520 University Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70125, but whose present place of residence, post office address and street address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, if alive and if deceased, her heirs at law or devisees, whose last known places of residence, post office addresses, and street addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry.

(D) Any and all other persons having or claiming any right, title or interest in and to the following described lots

Parcel #A-0
 Lots 18, Block 13, Shoreline Park Subdivision, Unit No. 1, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official map or plat of said subdivision dated August 27, 1959, filed in Plat Book 2, page 43, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Parcel #B-0
 Block 714, Shoreline Park Subdivision, Unit No. 11, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official map or plat of said subdivision dated August 26, 1967, filed in Plat Book 3, page 50, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

You have been made Defendants in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Rudolph C. Rosemond, Plaintiff, against the Defendants, Stephen L. Dumestre, and Andrea Maria Padilla, Defendants.

The Complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging legal ownership of the above described property and seeking to quiet and confirm title.

YOU are required to file with the Clerk of this Court a written answer either admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint, and a copy of your written answer should be either mailed or hand delivered to Robert L. Genn, Jr., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 70, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39520.

YOUR ANSWER MUST BE FILED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 30TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2003, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR ANSWER IS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMAND IN THE COMPLAINT.

WITNESS MY signature and official seal this 28th day of January, 2003.

(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK
 BY KIM BORAN, DEPUTY CLERK
 01/30, 02/06, 02/13/03

Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION
MISSISSIPPI STATE TAX COMMISSION
PO BOX 540
MADISON, MS 39130-0540

We, the member/officers of Grand Cru Development Co., LLC intend to make application for: and On-Premise Retailer Permit as provided for by the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, Section 67-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated.

If granted such permit, I propose to operate as a corporation (LLC) under the tradename of Spicer's Fine Food and Wine located at 200A N. Beach Blvd. Bay St. Louis of Hancock County. The name(s), title(s) and address(es) of the owner(s)/partners/corporate officer(s) and/or majority stockholder(s) of the above named business are James M. Lady, owner, 6412 Appleham Circle, Daimondhead, MS 39525.

This the 29 day of Jan., 2003.

01/30; 02/02/03

MICHAEL F. MCMAHON
 HUGHES, KELLNER, SULLIVAN & ALKE
 40 West Lawrence, Suite A
 P.O. Box 1168
 Helena, MT 59624-1166
 (406) 442-3690
 ATTORNEYS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

MONTANA TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, LAKE COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate of STEPHEN E. AMBROSE, Deceased.
NO. DP-03-02
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Will and Estate of STEPHEN E. AMBROSE, deceased.

Persons having claims against deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed return receipt.

MOIRA B. AMBROSE
 P.O. BOX 2097
 BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39521
 or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Dated this 8th day of January 2003.

Moira B. Ambrose
 01/16, 01/23, 01/30/02

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
 The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, District of Mississippi, is soliciting applications for a permit to construct a recreational facility, including piers, boardwalks, fishing platforms, shoreline stabilization, and improved parking and access facilities. The piers total 3,420 linear feet of riprap will be placed along the shoreline. The filling of approximately 0.21 acre of non-tidal wetlands will be required for parking and roadway improvements. This project will also include the removal of old concrete rubble and deteriorated pilings and piers in the project area. The proposed project is located off the Back Bay of Biloxi at Causeway Drive, Biloxi.

In compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, (341)), as amended by PL 95-217, the applicant will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 401 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 303 (33 U.S.C. 1312), Section 303 (U.S.C. 1313), Section 306 (U.S.C. 1316), and Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements of the State Law.

Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources, c/o U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530 and the Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 before February 21, 2003.

01/30, 02/06, 02/13/03

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE UNDER THE HANCOCK COUNTY

A public hearing will be held before the Hancock County Planning Commission on Thursday, February 20, 2003, at 15 p.m. in the Zoning Office located at 601 Bienville St. in the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to consider the application of Bonita Pasciak for a variance to allow a front yard of sixteen (16) feet instead of the required twenty-five (25) feet for a Hancock County home to be located on Lot 16, Square 804, Shoreline Park Subdivision, Unit No. 8, at 4046 Bream Street, Bay St. Louis, MS, which is zoned R-2.

Those interested in more information on the above matter may visit the Zoning Office or call (228) 467-4157 or (228) 466-4727 during regular business hours, which are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Wille Gavney
 Hancock County Building Official
 1/28/03
 01/30/03

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Public Information Meeting and Forum on Stormwater Issues

A public information meeting and forum on Stormwater Issues will be conducted on February 5, 2003 for the Bay Saint Louis and Waveland areas at 6:00 PM at the Depot in Bay Saint Louis; and on February 6, 2003 at the Kin Lab at 6:00 PM for the County. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss and receive comments on the stormwater problems and solutions in the urbanized areas of Hancock County and the cities of Bay Saint Louis and Waveland.

Implementation of Phase II of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) by the US Environmental Protection Agency is required in Hancock County Identification of stormwater problems and proposed solutions in Hancock County and the Cities will be presented, and public comments and questions will be received. Public input and education is an important part of the Stormwater Management Plan being prepared as a requirement of Phase II NPDES, and interested citizens are urged to attend one or both of these meetings.

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LOOK ON THE WEB SEA COAST ECHO

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
HANCOCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, BY ZADIE ROGERS, SOCIAL SERVICES REGIONAL DIRECTOR, AND RAYNN LENA HAMPTON, MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HER NEXT FRIEND, ZADIE ROGERS PETITIONERS VS.
TIFFANY NOELLE CRANE AND WILLIAM NEAL HAMPTON, JR. DEFENDANTS
CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. 2002-938
CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS
 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: TIFFANY NOELLE CRANE, who is not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose last known mailing address is R.R. 2 Box 113, Mashoppen, Pennsylvania 18630.

YOU have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by the Hancock County Department of Human Services by Zadie Rogers, Social Services Regional Director, and Raynn Lena Hampton, a minor, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minor and demanding that the full custody, control and authority to act on behalf of said minor be placed with the Hancock County Department of Human Services. Respondent other than you in this action is William Neal Hampton, Jr.

YOU are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 8th day of January, 2003.

(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK
 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
 BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI 39521
 BY LARRINELL SCARBOROUGH
 DEPUTY CLERK

INVITATION TO PROPOSE
 Sealed proposals for Solid Waste Services addressed to Hancock County Solid Waste Department will be received at the Hancock County House in the office of the Chancery Clerk, P.O. Box 429, 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, until 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME on the 18th of February 2003 and will be publicly opened and read at the regular monthly meeting of the Authority on Monday the 18th day of February 2003 at 4:00 P.M. or shortly thereafter located at the Depot, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi.

The following locations have been provided and read at the regular monthly meeting of the Authority on Monday the 18th day of February 2003 at 4:00 P.M. or shortly thereafter located at the Depot, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi.

1. Board of Supervisors
 Hancock County Courthouse
 152 Main Street
 Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
 2. Southern Regional Wastewater Management
 401 Gulfside Drive
 Waveland, MS 39576

In order to perform public work, the successful proposer shall be applicable, hold or obtain such Contractor's and business licenses as required by state statutes.

Before a Contract will be awarded for the services contemplated herein, the Authority will conduct an investigation as is necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the proposer. The proposer must submit a qualified proposal to perform the size and type of service specified under this Contract. Upon request, the proposer shall submit such information as is required, requested by the District to evaluate the proposer's qualifications.

For information concerning the proposed services, contact Compton Engineering, P.A., 228-677-2287, located at 3035 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

The right is reserved to reject all proposals or any proposal not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract documents, and to postpone the award of the Contract for a period of time that shall not extend beyond 90 days from the proposal opening date.

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594-0265
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Sun - Sat 7:00 am-10:00 pm

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Entries sought for 2003 Gulf Guardian Awards

Application deadline is April 15 – tax day

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The Gulf of Mexico Program announced that entry forms for the 2003 Gulf Guardian Award Program are available online at: <http://www.epa.gov/gmpo/gulfguard.html>.

The deadline for applying for a 2003 Gulf Guardian Award is April 15, 2003.

To apply, go to the web address above and click on the second button, "2003 Gulf Guardian Award Entry Form," download and complete the form, and then e-mail it to gulf_guardian@epa.gov.

The entry form is designed as an expanding table – as you type information in the block, it automatically expands. For problems with the application process, call Terry Hines Smith at 228-688-1159 for assistance.

The Gulf of Mexico Program partnership developed the Gulf Guardian awards in 2000 as a way to recognize and honor the businesses, community groups, individuals, and agencies that are taking positive steps to keep the Gulf healthy, beautiful and productive.

Each year, a first, second, and third place winner are awarded in six categories: 1) Business, 2) Government, 3) Civic/Nonprofit Organizations, 4) Youth/Education, 5) Partnerships, and 6) Individual.

EPA Administrator Christie Whitman said of the 2002 winners, "The efforts of those recognized as Gulf Guardians are key to our success as we address water issues. These award winners accepted the challenge and have joined us as we restore and protect our nation's waters for future generations."

"The awards honor and exemplify the exceptional level of quality of effort being undertaken cooperatively by the public and private sectors to address critical issues that face Gulf coastal communities," said Bryon Griffith, deputy director of the Gulf of Mexico Program.

The Gulf of Mexico Program began in 1988 to protect, restore, and maintain the health and productivity of the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem in economically sustainable ways. The Program is sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and is a non-regulatory, inclusive consortium of state and federal government agencies and representatives of the business and agricultural community, fishing industry, scientists, environmentalists, and community leaders from all five Gulf States. The Gulf Program seeks to improve the environmental health of the Gulf in concert with economic development.

And you think you're cold



ON DECK ~ Electronics engineer Jeff Williams, left, and Dr. Vernon Asper work on the deck of the U.S. Coast Guard Icebreaker Polar Sea this past December. Asper conducts research into biological organisms and chemical processes in the Ross Sea of Antarctica. (Southern Miss photo)

Southern Miss scientist returns to Antarctic to unravel earth's mysterious climate changes

BY JUDY ISBELL
STENNIS SPACE CENTER

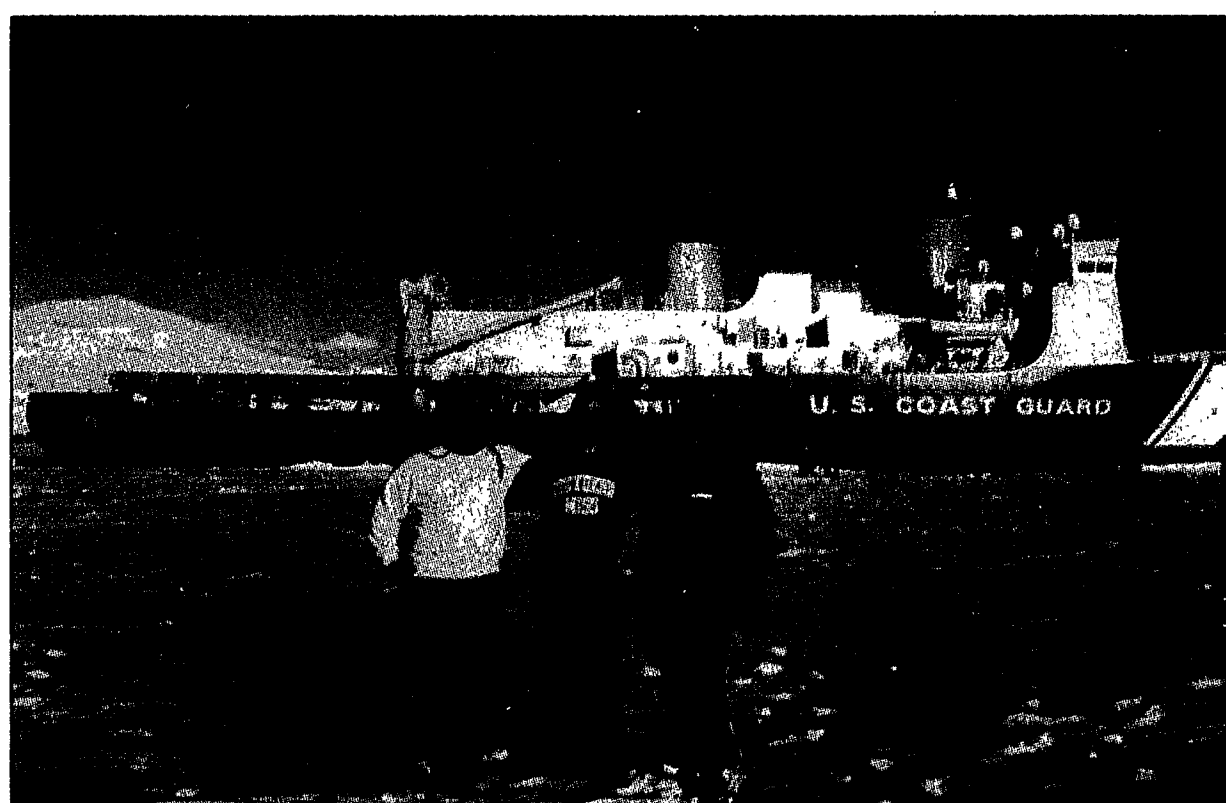
University of Southern Mississippi marine scientist Vernon Asper returned to the Antarctic

Monday in a quest to unravel some of the mysteries of Earth's climate changes.

Asper, a professor of marine science specializing in marine geology and particle dynamics, has been traveling to the remote Ross Sea in the Antarctic each year since December 2001.

In research funded by the National Science Foundation's Office of Polar Programs, Asper and graduate students from USM's Department of Marine Science have worked with Dr. Walker Smith of the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences in deploying sophisticated equipment to monitor both environmental and climate changes of this frigid region.

The National Science Foundation project, called "Interannual Variability in the Ross Sea," or IVARS for short, is a five-year project to see how



POLAR STAR ~ University of Southern Mississippi Department of Marine Science graduate students, from left, Joe Tegeder of Houston, Texas, Jeff Johnson of Chicago and Kevin Mahoney of Gulfport pause in front of the U.S. Coast Guard Icebreaker Polar Star on New Year's Day 2002. (Southern Miss photo)

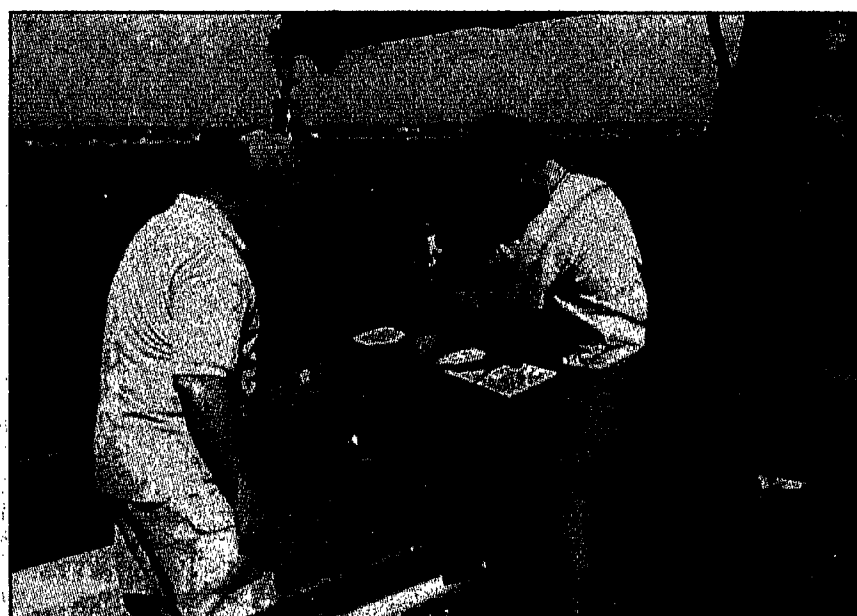
the environment, and biological interactions with the environment, change from year to

year in this region of the Antarctic.

Team member Joe Tegeder, a

marine science graduate student.

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From left, Wet Labs President Casey Moore, NASA's Dr. Richard Miller and Wet Labs' Mike Twardowski, principal investigator of the project, prepare to lower a prototype of the Dolphin Instrument into waters off the coast of Narragansett, R.I.

NASA project will offer validation of ocean-color satellite imagery

Stennis Space Center's Wet Labs develops prototype

THE SEA COAST ECHO
Through a NASA Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) project sponsored by the Office of Technology Development and Transfer at Stennis Space Center, Wet Labs Inc., Philomath, Ore., is developing a prototype of an instrument that will help validate products produced from ocean-color satellite imagery – data that helps researchers better understand and protect our home planet.

Ocean-color images obtained from instruments in space are used to assess the conditions of the oceans, including pollution transport, water quality and fisheries yield – information valuable to decision-makers.

For decision-makers to rely on this information with confidence, however, the remote sensing instruments and the products generated from their data must be validated. The Earth Science Applications Directorate at Stennis Space Center,

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Bay High School Honor Roll

12th GRADE

Alpha: Matthew Barbier, Jesse Beck, Danielle Burge, Amanda Clausen, Allyson Cleaves, Breana Conaway, Thuy Dang, Ashley Escue, Ashleigh Favre, Joseph Graves, Mariana Guetter, Sabrina Gyins, Britni Haynes

Hao Huynh, Lacey Irias, Erinn Jackson, Sarah Jager, Edwina James, James Jordan, Levon Kaigler, Tiffany Kennedy, Eric Kinard, Tara Ladner, Vernon Ladner, Tan Ly

Beta: Jennifer Magee, Coarie Matthews, Michael Miller, Geneva Mitchell, Andrew Monks, Lindsey Necaise, Jake Pearce, Megan Pitre, Stephanie Reed, Brian Schmitt, Brandon Slade, Paul Smith, Latessa Spencer, Brandon Strong, Christine Tillman, Andrew Walley

Beta: Guy Alleman, Keri Cooper, Jeanne Duplechin, David Garcia, Lacey Gill, John Hendrix, Eric Lymuel, Lacey Morlier, Aaron Morris, Jace Ponder, Courtney Rieux, Nicole Saucier, Amanda Scelson, Jeremy Shiyou, Adam Viescas, Santana Wilks, Renell Williams

11th GRADE

Alpha: Samantha Abbott, Bliss Acker, Mathew Adams, Tara Atwell, Daniel Bhuiyan, Arreal Brown, Brady Burrell, Courtney Cann, Meghan Corr, Shannon Fayard, Zachary Ferry, Brandi Fisher, Jaqueline Fouasnon, Jessica Gardner, Brittney Goodwin, Tyesa Hawkins, Jessica Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Heather Ladner, Lauren Ladner, Kiet Le

Tiffany Lenain, Joanna Mannion, Channele Montgomery, Elizabeth Mueller, Christopher Payet, Leslie Rester, Lindsay Richardson, Samantha Richardson, Jennifer Rivera, Jenna Rose, Brittany Roy, Donald Rush,

Kayla Russo, Christina Shiflett

Beta: Rene Acker, Whitney Bankston, Misty Bennett, Colin Bourgeois, Jarrod Bourgeois, Michele Brack, Matthew Carver, Trevor Collier, B. J. Corr, Ryan Dedeaux, Jared Dunklin, Michelle Feindel, Terry Green, Dale Harris, Brandon Hofer, Brittany Johnson, Jacob Kennedy, Felicia Lang, Jenny Melancon, Shawn Moran, Halcyon Morris, Mindy Necaise, Micah Rogers, Christina Rowell, Kindra Snouffer, Elizabeth Strong, Shaouon Willis

10th GRADE

Alpha: Jilean Baldree, Lloyd Corso, Dorman David, William Edmonds, Jessica Favre, Elizabeth Floyd, Sara Gilmore, James Hamilton, Carolyn Hardin, Cy Hill

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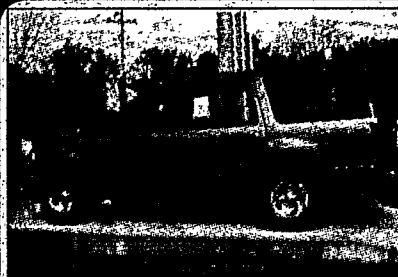
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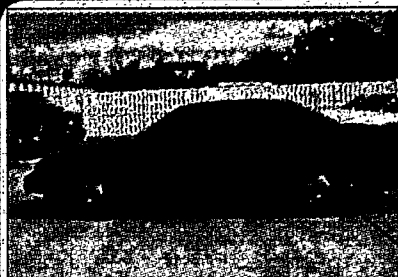
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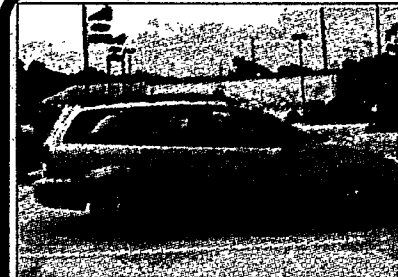
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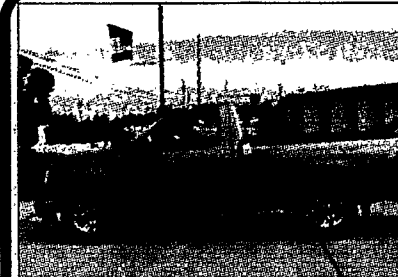
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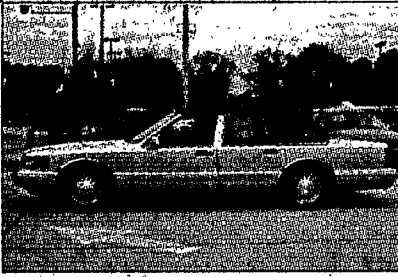
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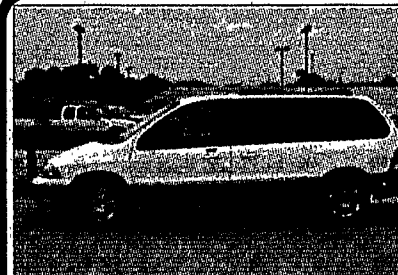
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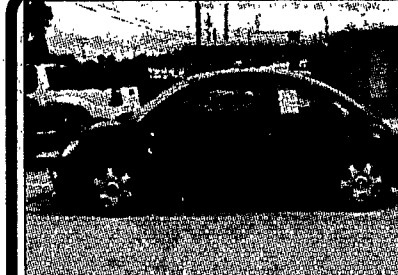
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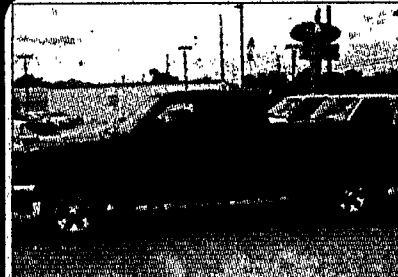
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Antarctic -- Asper

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marine science graduate student in Southern Miss's Department of Marine Science, based at Stennis Space Center, was making his fourth trip to the Antarctic with Asper.

"My main job is to collect and filter the suspended particle samples," Tegeder said. "In addition to that, I also assist Vernon with the mooring deployment, and help the other scientists with their sampling." Just getting to the Ross Sea, where all that science can begin, is a challenge.

"Logistics are difficult," Asper said. "In December, we flew from Gulfport to Atlanta to Los Angeles to Melbourne, Australia, to Hobart, Tasmania." In Hobart, Asper boarded the U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker ship, the Polar Sea. It then took about eight days to sail through the ice-choked waters to the study area in the Ross Sea.

Monday, Asper and his party flew to Christchurch,

New Zealand. From there, they were to fly to McMurdo Station in Antarctica, where they will meet the ship that will take them once again into the waters of the Ross Sea.

One of Asper's primary interest areas is algal blooms — high concentrations of microscopic marine plants called phytoplankton. The foundation of the marine food chain, phytoplankton depend upon certain conditions for growth and are a good indicator of change in their environment. For these reasons, and because they also exert a global-scale influence on climate, phytoplankton are of primary interest to oceanographers and earth scientists around the world.

The equipment deployed into the Ross Sea can tell Asper a great deal about phytoplankton — how many are there, how fast they are growing, and whether they are getting the nutrients they need from the environ-

ment. Despite temperatures on deck at around 20° F, Asper said he doesn't mind the cold.

"The National Science Foundation provides clothing appropriate for the environment," he said. Wool socks, long underwear, several different kinds of gloves for any working condition, mittens, hats, jackets, fleeces and a parka are part of each crewmember's wardrobe. While scientists are well provided with clothing for the cold, there is still no escaping the danger inherent in the work they do from the deck of the ship. The risks, however, are worth the payoff for Asper and his team.

"These environments are very important in monitoring climate change, imprinting deep water as it's formed and as a sink for carbon dioxide," he said. "The more we know about these processes, the more we'll understand observed changes in them."

Wet Labs

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which conducts remote sensing applications as part of NASA's Earth Science Enterprise, is known for its validation of remote sensing data and instruments, made possible by their research and engineering facilities and expertise.

The Wet Labs product, Dolphin, will be a major advance in the development and validation of ocean-color products. "A major hurdle in any ground-truthing exercise is to collect sufficient and high quality field data at the time of satellite overpass," said NASA's Dr. Richard Miller, chief scientist of the Directorate.

"This is particularly important in the coastal environment because it is highly dynamic. Many features quickly change with

the tides, winds and river discharge."

The Dolphin will contain a bio-optics package towed on a vehicle behind a boat and will enable scientists to gather data over an area much faster, greatly increasing the amount of measurements that can be compared to the ocean-color images. As the Dolphin is towed through the water horizontally, it also rises and falls under water, collecting data from an entire water column.

Scientists can also collect water from the Dolphin in the boat for analysis in the laboratory and comparison with the measurements of the underwater sensors — a much-needed yet uncommon feature in towed bio-optics packages — thereby calibrating the data collect-

ed by its towed sensors.

Miller recently returned from a cruise off the coast of Narragansett, R.I., where the prototype instrument underwent the second in a series of trials. "All elements of the package worked extremely well," said Miller.

Once the Dolphin is complete, it will measure how light is absorbed, scattered and weakened; chlorophyll fluorescence, which is an indicator of phytoplankton; and temperature, depth and salinity. "We should be able to apply these data in the coastal environment where applications can be developed to address a number of different coastal issues," said Miller.

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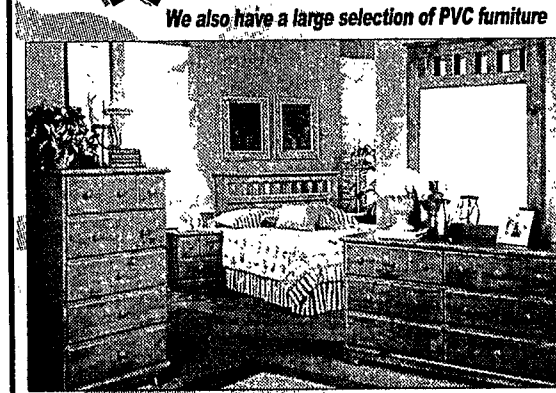
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Courtney Monti
Brooks Moran
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Julia Scafidi
Karli Smith
Sarah Sollberger
Fred Spence
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Lance Tomasich
Shelby Trahan
Mimi Truong
Kelly Whitman
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Leslie Williams
Cody Woodall
Karen Yuan
Veronica Zingarelli

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Terrall Alexander
Ashley Anderson
Matthew Anderson
Jeremy Bell
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Leruth on Dean's List

Tufts University announced the Dean's List for the Fall 2002 semester. Chelsey L. Leruth of Pass Christian earned this academic honor, which requires a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater. Tufts University, located on three Massachusetts campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States.

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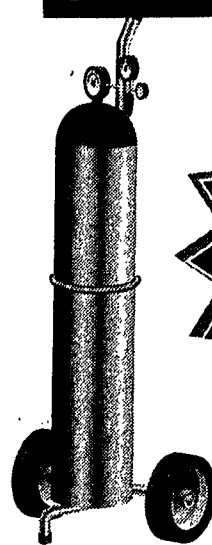
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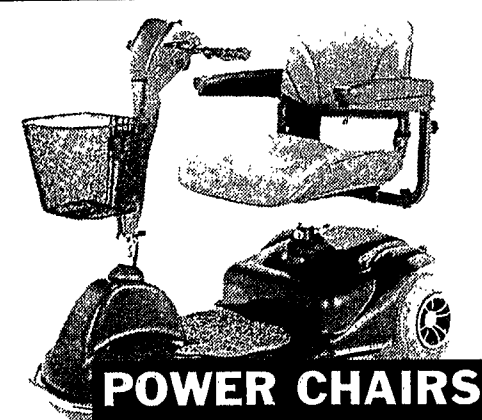
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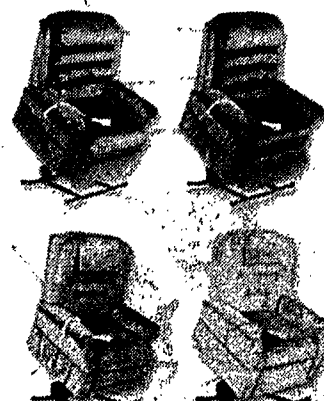


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St. Stanislaus College first semester honor roll

Brother Ronald Hingle, S.C., Principal of St. Stanislaus College, has recognized the following students for achieving honor roll status for the first semester of the 2002-2003 academic session. Of the 567 students in grades 6-12 attending St. Stanislaus, 42% achieved honor roll status for the first semester.

SENIORS PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL: (4.0 AVERAGE):

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Brett Amond, Will Boxx, Matt Burke, Michael Felter, Dave Florek, James Fulford, Scott Hillanbrand, Darren Keel, Jeremy Lewis, Peter Murphy, Patrick Natal, Teddy Plocharski Schutt, Jo Sam Rolfe, Danny Surbeck, and Kevin Witt.

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PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL: (4.0 AVERAGE):

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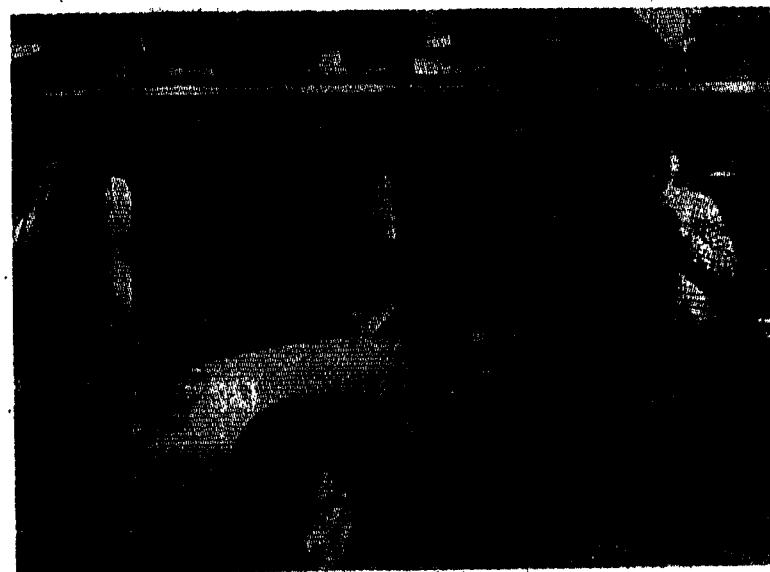
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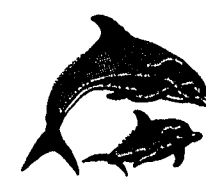
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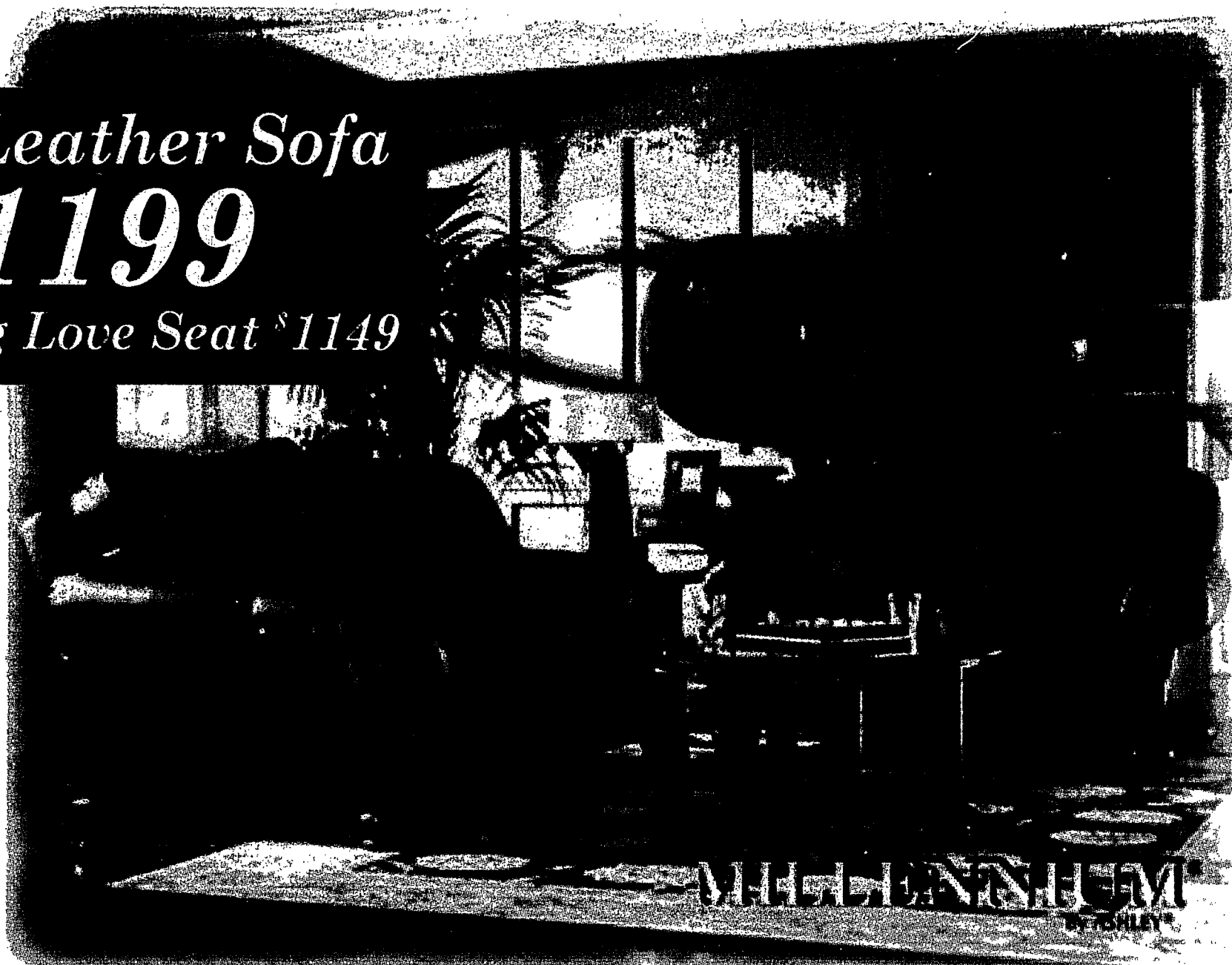


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